Tenma has been keeping a close watch on Johan's movements,
carrying a high-performance rifle with him.
One day, he knows that Johan will be at a ceremony
of presentation of Shuwald's collection of books
to be held in the library of Munich University.
Tenma decides to snipe at Johan in the library,
just in the middle of the ceremony.



CHAPTER 8.
MY NAMELESS HERO

MONSTER

NAOKI URASAWA PRESENTS Horrible Story

無名怪物〔ナハトくん〕誰もいない部屋のヒーロー

Chapter 60
Show Me Proof

WE'LL STOP HERE FOR TODAY...

WELHEIM PENITENTIARY

I'M JUST GETTING TO THE GOOD PART!

NO, DOCTOR, LISTEN TO ME!

C'MON, DOCTOR!

LISTEN! WHAT DO YOU THINK HER VOICE SOUNDED LIKE WHEN I STRANGLED HER THROAT?

THE STORY OF THE THIRD WOMAN I KILLED IS THE BEST!

YOU CAN TELL ME ALL ABOUT IT NEXT TIME.

VLAM

C'MON, DOC...

TENMA...?

WHERE HAVE YOU GONE...

?

SO WE FINALLY MEET, DR. GILLEN.

AND YOU ARE...?

CLAC



CHAPTER 60

Show Me Proof

AND I HAVE READ YOUR BOOK.

YOU HAVE CAPTURED SEVERAL OF THE MEN WHO ARE SUBJECTS FOR MY RESEARCH.

I'VE HEARD THE RUMORS...

TAP TAP

THE "PREMISE ON TRANSCENDENTAL CRIMINAL PSYCHOLOGY" WAS QUITE A FANTASTIC READ!!

WHY, THANK YOU.

TAP TAP

YOU WON'T FIND ANY OTHER BOOKS THAT DELVE SO DEEPLY INTO THE CRIMINAL PSYCHE.

HOW DETAILED YOU ARE... I AM HONORED THAT YOU'VE READ IT SO DEEPLY.

I FOUND THE PARTS ABOUT HOW TRAUMATIC EVENTS AT A YOUNG AGE ARE STRONGLY TIED TO HIS CRIMES TO BE ABSOLUTELY FASCINATING.

ESPECIALLY YOUR THOUGHTS ON HEINZ KAUL, IN CHAPTER THREE, PAGES 262 TO 294...

TAP

IF YOU EVER HAVE SOME FREE TIME, I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THAT...

YOU SEEM QUITE EXPERI-ENCED...

AND THINK OF WHAT HE WOULD DO, TO FURTHER DEDUCE HIS ACTIONS.

MY METHOD OF INVESTI-GATION IS TO DIVE INTO THE CRIMINAL'S HEART...

SINCE WE BOTH SEEM TO BE QUITE BUSY, I JUST HAVE ONE QUESTION.

EXCU-SE ME!

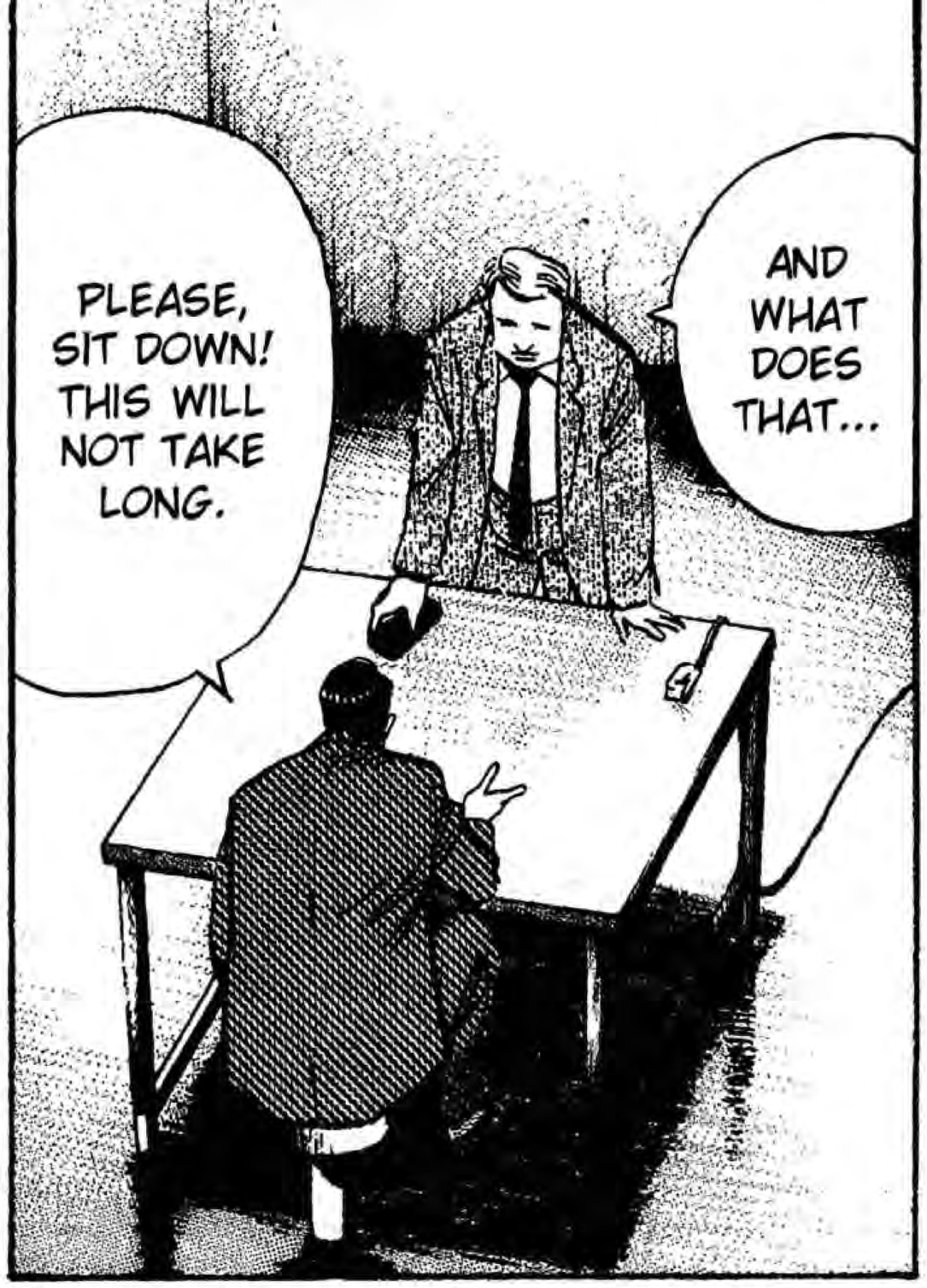
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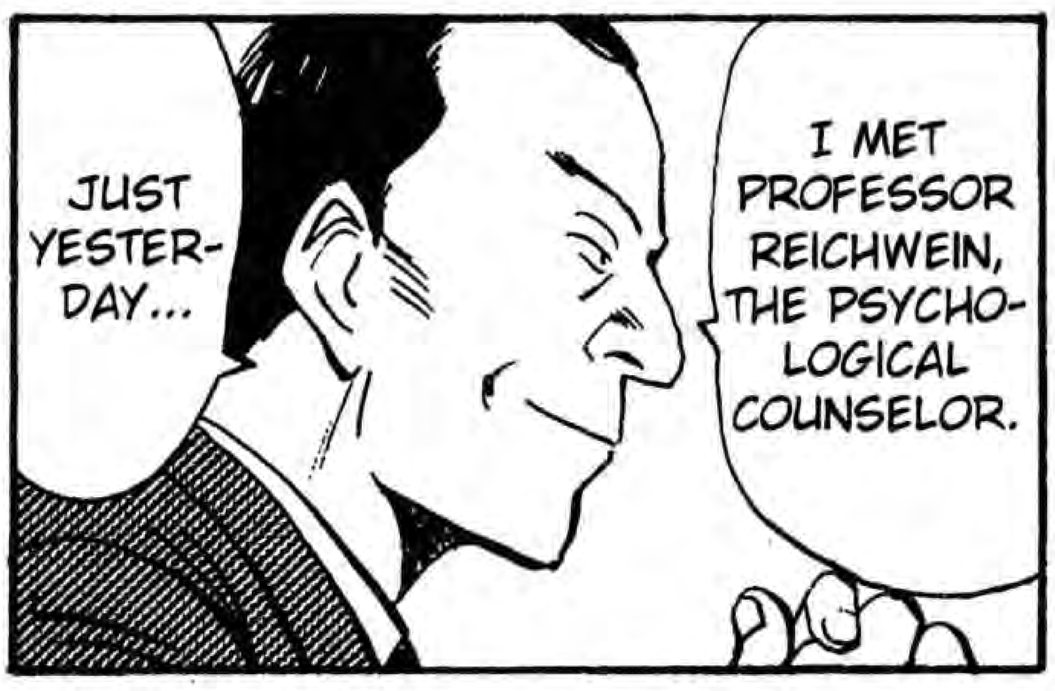
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YOU HAVE BEEN IN MUNICH A LOT RECENTLY, HAVEN'T YOU?

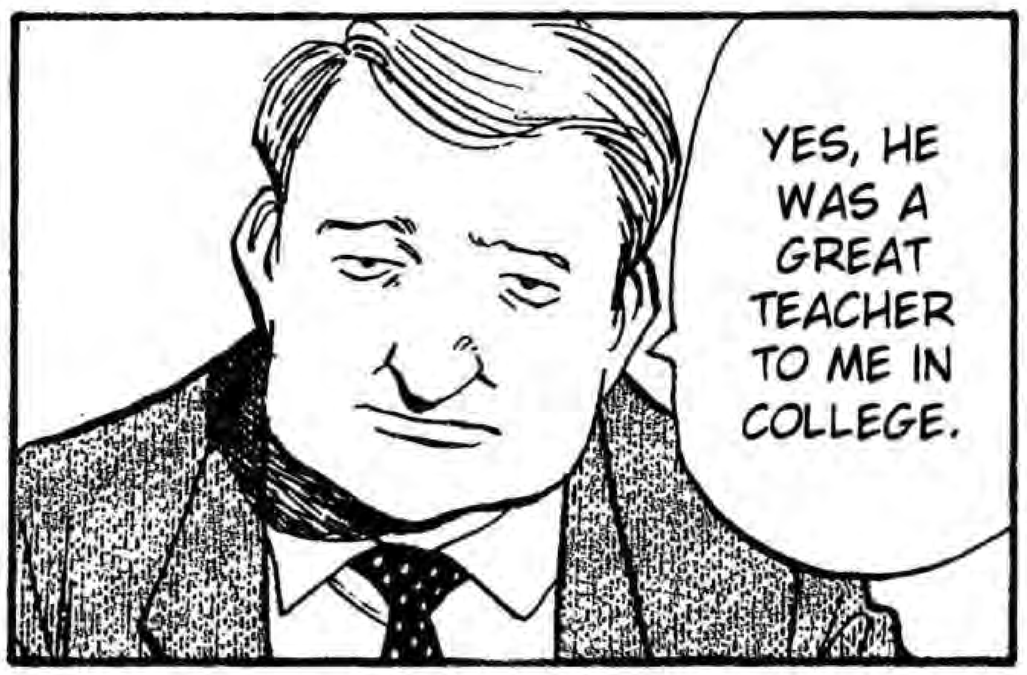
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PLEASE, SIT DOWN! THIS WILL NOT TAKE LONG.
AND WHAT DOES THAT...


JUST YESTER-DAY...
I MET PROFESSOR REICHWEIN, THE PSYCHO-LOGICAL COUNSELOR.

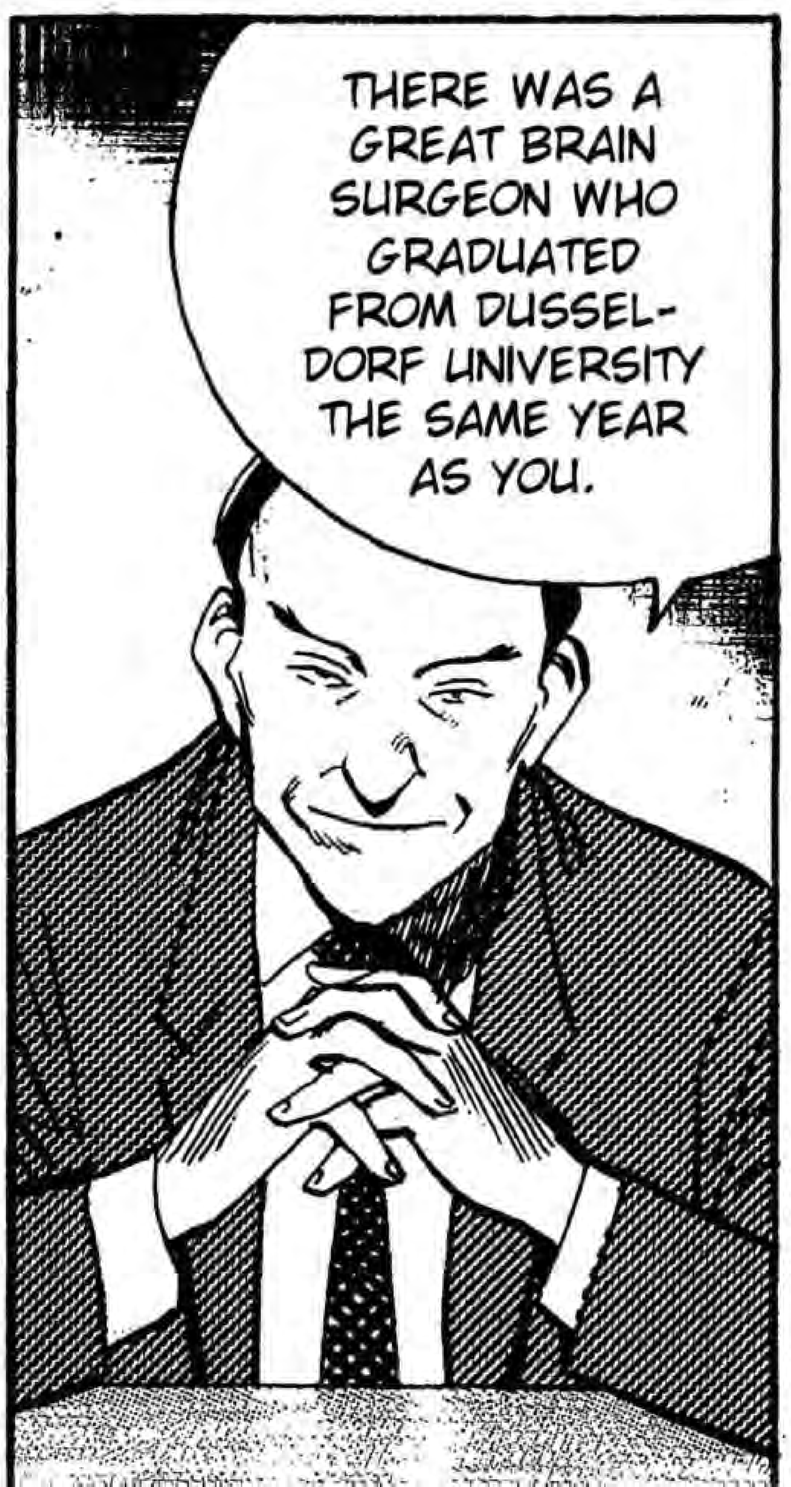

CORRECT ...
DUSSEL-DORF UNIVER-SITY...


YES, HE WAS A GREAT TEACHER TO ME IN COLLEGE.

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WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?




THERE WAS A GREAT BRAIN SURGEON WHO GRADUATED FROM DUSSEL-DORF UNIVERSITY THE SAME YEAR AS YOU.

DR. TENMA, I MEAN...

DID YOU MEET HIM?

"LET'S TALK ABOUT OUR CHEATING. RUDI".

W... WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

TAP TAP

YOU TOOK OUT THIS THREE-LINE MESSAGE IN ALL MAJOR NEWSPAPERS FROM MAY 1ST TO THE 22ND.

SUCH AS YOU AND DR. TENMA, COULD HAVE CHEATED DURING COLLEGE...

WHAT A SURPRISE... IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT GREAT MEN...

SUCH WONDERFUL THINGS.

FRIENDS ARE...

BUT HE ESCAPED!

THE VELBERT POLICE WERE ABOUT TO CAPTURE DR. TENMA, WITH YOUR HELP...

LAST MAY, IN ODER PARK...

I WAS NOT FRIENDS WITH DR. TENMA DURING COLLEGE!

IT WASN'T ME, THE BUG I HAD ON ME WAS BROKEN...

YOU COULD HAVE ASSISTED HIS ESCAPE.

HMM...

DR. TENMA IS INNO-CENT!

NOW YOU LISTEN ...

THE MURDER OF THE PATIENT IN A NEARBY UNFINISHED BUILDING, THE MURDERS AT HEIDELBERG...

I WANT YOU TO LISTEN OPENLY. THE THREE EISLER MEMORIAL HOSPI-TAL MURDERS...

THIS IS MY OPINION AS AN EXPERT IN CRIMINAL PSYCHOLOGY, BASED ON MY MEETING WITH DR. TENMA HIMSELF!

AND THE MURDERS OF THE MIDDLE-AGED COUPLES ALL OVER GERMANY WERE ALL DONE BY SOMEONE OTHER THAN TENMA!

AND... WHERE IS HE NOW...?

I SEE...

HE DIDN'T RUN!!

IF HE'S INNOCENT, WHY DOES HE RUN?

WHY DOES HE RUN?

HE'S... GONE SOMEWHERE.

...

THEN WHY HAS HE VANISHED FROM YOU, HIS GOOD FRIEND?

TAKE A LOOK AT THIS...

I HAVE PROOF THAT HE IS NOT A KILLER.

HERE IS AN ANALYSIS OF ALL OF THE DATA IN THESE CASES.

TAC ハァ#!!

THAT MUST HAVE BEEN QUITE A LABOR...

THE DEATH OF THE BOY FAHREN, WHO PRETENDED TO BE SCHUWALD'S SON...

THE DEATH OF THE DETECTIVE ON THAT CASE, RICHARD BROWN...

NOW... DO YOU UNDER-STAND?

YES...

JOHAN LIEBERT...

AND HIS NAME IS THE SAME AS THAT WHICH TENMA INSISTED WAS THE TRUE CULPRIT...

AT THE CENTER OF IT ALL IS A YOUNG MAN...

THE NUMEROUS SUSPICIONS ABOUT SCHUWALD HAVING AN ILLEGITIMATE SON...

TAP

I UNDER-STAND VERY WELL...

ALSO, DR. REICH-WEIN'S LIFE HAS BEEN THREATENED SINCE HE TOOK UP THE NOW DECEASED RICHARD BROWN'S INVESTIGATION.

A GRAVE-STONE FOR ONE JOHAN LIEBERT WITH AN IDENTICAL BACKGROUND WAS FOUND IN BRUNTAL.

TAP TAP

THERE IS NO WAY TO PROVE THOSE THINGS ARE ALL RELATED!

...IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE.

AM I WRONG?

!

THE ONE PERSON WHO WOULD KNOW THE MOST ABOUT IT IS IN HIDING...

THOSE HAND MOVE-MENTS...

IF YOU ASK ME,

THOSE HANDS SHOW SIGNS OF AN UNSTEADY HEART...

JUST SOMETHING I USE FOR MEMORY...

AH... PAY THEM NO MIND.

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INSTEAD OF MY HAND, I HAVE A CASSETTE RECORDER ...

I AM THE SAME.

HOWEVER, THE INSTANT YOUR HAND RECORDS THAT INFORMATION, IT BECOMES SUBJECTIVE.

BUT ALL OF THE SOUND RECORDED ONTO THESE TAPES IS ENTIRELY OBJECTIVE.

YOUR JUDGEMENTS ARE ALL UNMISTAKEN!

YOUR HAND'S MEMORIES ARE CORRECT!

THAT'S ALWAYS HOW YOU'VE DONE YOUR WORK, RIGHT?!

WHAT ARE YOUR INTER-ESTS?

DO YOU HAVE A FAMILY?

TO YOU, TENMA ABSOLUTELY MUST BE THE KILLER HERE!!

AREN'T YOU TERRIFIED OF MAKING MISTAKES?

DO YOU LIVE FOR ANYTHING OTHER THAN YOUR WORK?

HAVE YOU EVER MADE A MISTAKE?

SLAT

LOOK AT THE TRUTH!

IF NOT, YOUR IDENTITY WILL FALL APART!

THIS IS A PHOTO OF JOHAN LIEBERT HIMSELF.

CAN YOU PROVE THAT ALL OF THIS IS TENMA'S LIES?

AND...

WHERE IS THIS YOUNG MAN NOW...?

HE'S ALSO SCHUWALD'S SECRETARY!

HE'S A STUDENT AT MUNICH UNIVER-SITY.

TAKE THIS PHOTO-GRAPH TO THE STATION?

MAY I...

TMP

TMP

...

TMP

FROM NOW ON, THIS IS POLICE WORK.

I MAY HAVE MADE A TERRIBLE MISTAKE.

HE SHOULD BE IN MUNICH.

WHERE IS DR. TENMA...?

CLIC

TMP

TMP

VLAM

IL A !

GET IN TOUCH WITH THE MUNICH POLICE! TELL THEM TO BE ON THE LOOKOUT.

YES... THIS IS LUNGE.

SHK

NOKIA

Menu Memo

TENMA'S IN MUNICH!

TAP

TAP

SNIPER RIFLE...?

MUNICH

YOU SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN A CALL FROM A MR. HEIT-MEYER IN FUSSEN.

DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKIN' ABOUT.

IT'S A BOTHER TO GET SOME-THIN' LIKE THAT, SO IT'LL BE A WEEK.

I HAVE THEM RIGHT HERE.

10,000 MARKS UP FRONT!

EVEN IF YOU GOT THE MONEY TO BURN, YOU'RE WASTIN' YOUR TIME IF YOU CAN'T USE IT.

UNTIL THEN, YOU BETTER DO SOME-THIN' ABOUT THAT PASTY WHITE BODY OF YOURS!

ECONOMIC LEADERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD MADE APPEARANCES AT THE RECEPTION PARTY...

DNN

NEXT IN THE NEWS.

HAHH

HAHH

FOR NEXT WEEK'S ELECTRIC APPLIANCE TRADE FAIR, HELD BY THE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

TAP
HAHH
HAHH
THIS WILL BE A LARGE-SCALE CONVENTION AS NEVER SEEN BEFORE...
TAP
TAP
HAHH
HAHH
TAP
NOW, WITH THE NEW MEDIA NETWORK, HEAVILY INVOLVED WITH THE EU, SQUARELY SUPPORTED BY THE BAYERN ECONOMY,
OOOF !!
GUH ...
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...
...THE STATE'S WEALTHIEST MAN, HANS GEORG SCHUWALD, MADE AN APPEARANCE TO A FULL ROUND OF APPLAUSE.
AND THIS TIME, AFTER 20 YEARS OF NEGLECTING TO SIT AT HIS HEAD POSITION...
HAHH
EVEN SITTING IN HIS WHEEL-CHAIR, SCHUWALD SEEMED HEALTHY AND ALERT...
HAHH
HAHH
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...AND MADE A FAVORABLE IMPRESSION ON ALL THE BUSINESS LEADERS PRESENT.

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NEXT IN THE NEWS.

FRIEDRICH EMMANUEL SCHOOL

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DO YOU HAVE SOME FREE TIME?

HELLO, LOTTE.

H... HI, KARL!

OH... I JUST THOUGHT WE COULD GET SOME... TEA OR SOMETHING...

FOR... WHAT?

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After the party...

BUT...

SORRY, I'M IN A HURRY.

AND I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THE WHOLE SCHUWALD THING ONE MORE TIME...

YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT IT...

BYE!

AH...

...

THERE'S A MEETING MY FATHER HAS TO ATTEND.

DANCE PARTY, TOGE-THER...

I WONDERED... IF WE COULD GO TO THE NEXT...

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After the party...

MUNICH UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

SIGH...

TAP

TAP

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WE'RE CLOSING.

OH... OKAY!

WE'RE CLOSING SOON.

SHE'S SO PRETTY...

GOD IS UNFAIR...

THAT GIRL'S HERE AGAIN...

I'M SURE SHE HAS NO PROB-LEMS AT ALL IN HER LIFE...

WHY DOES SHE SEEM SO...

OH, SORRY!!

CLINK

CLOSING TIME.

HUH ...?

SORRY, I CAN'T DO ANYTHING TONIGHT.

T... THAT'S RIGHT. I'M NOT REALLY THAT INTERESTED, BUT MY FRIEND MADE ME BUY THEM.

DANCE PARTY?

AND IT'S NOT EXACTLY A SOCIAL THING.

THERE'S A STATE COUNCIL DINNER MEETING.

UH...

HAHA ...

YEAH, WELL, I DIDN'T REALLY WANT TO GO ANYWAYS...

UH...

I'M SURE YOU COULD FIND PLENTY OF DANCE PARTNERS. BYE!

CLICK

TAP

TAP

TAP

TAP

ARE YOU...

CLICK

CLICK

YOU'RE LOOKING UP MARGOT LANGER, TOO?

!!

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OH?

WHAT?

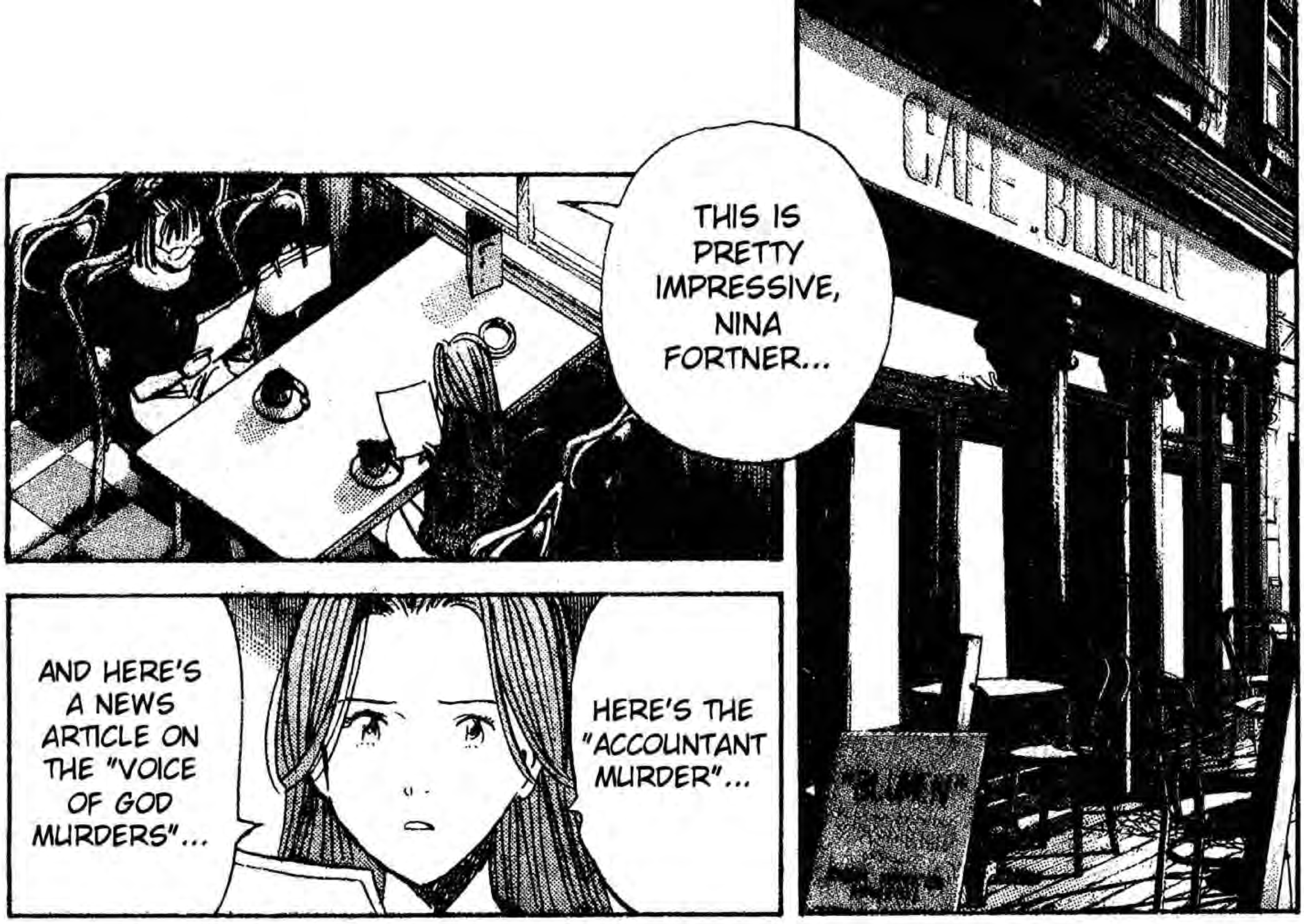
I'M RESEAR-CHING HER AS WELL.

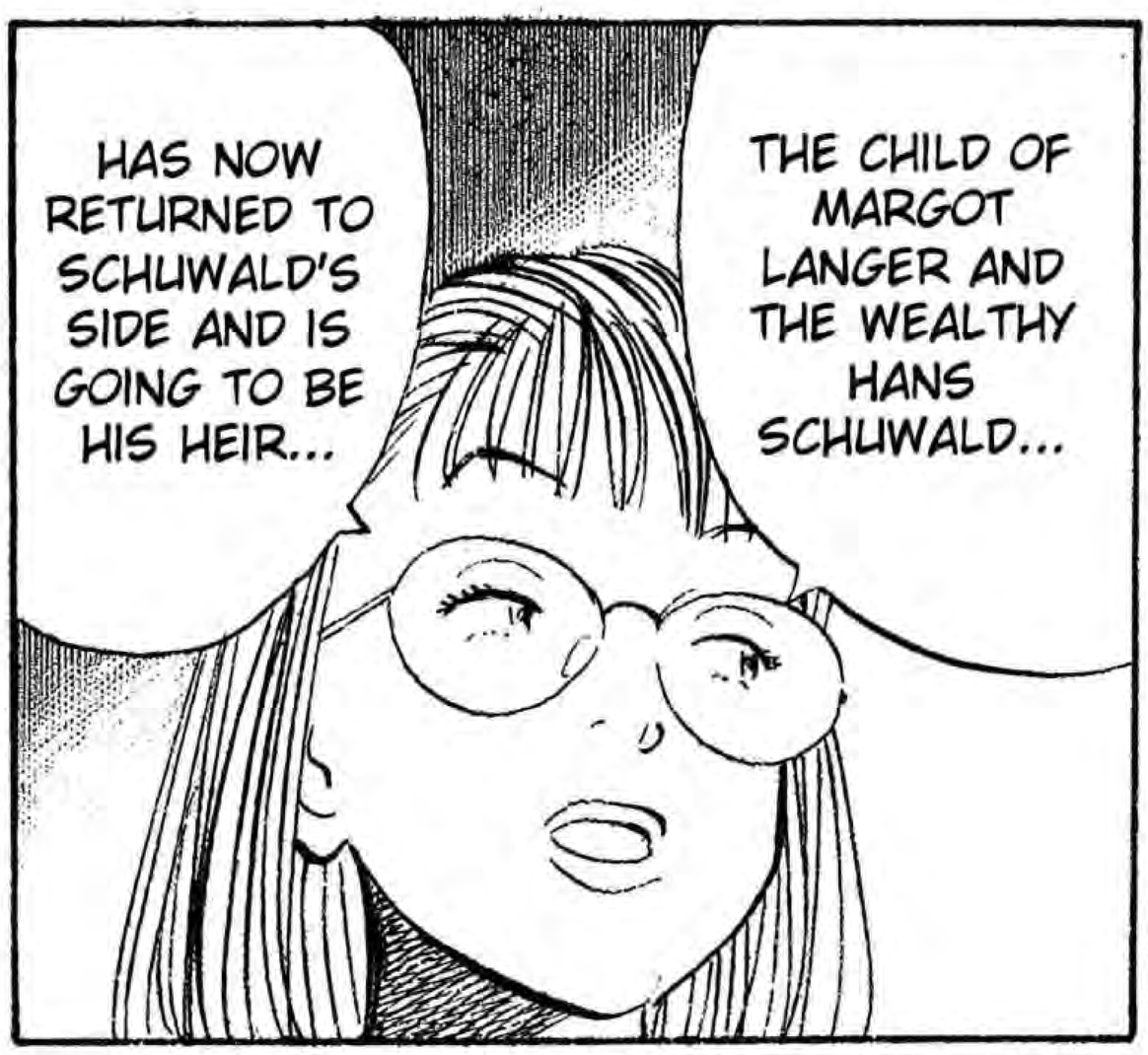
NO NO NO, YOU DON'T NEED TO HIDE IT!

I'M A CULTURE ANTHROPOL-OGY MAJOR, LOTTE FRANK. AND YOU...?

Y... YEAH, FOR A COLLEGE REPORT.

CLICK


CAFE BLUMEN
THIS IS PRETTY IMPRESSIVE, NINA FORTNER...
AND HERE'S A NEWS ARTICLE ON THE "VOICE OF GOD MURDERS"...
HERE'S THE "ACCOUNTANT MURDER"...
CAN YOU TELL ME ANYTHING MORE ABOUT THE MURDER OF THE FORMER PROSTITUTE MARGOT LANGER...?
I'M RESEARCHING ALL THESE UNSOLVED CRIMES THAT HAPPENED IN BAYERN THE PAST FOUR YEARS.
I PRIDE MYSELF ON MY INFORMATION GATHERING, BUT EVEN I HAVE TO ADMIT DEFEAT HERE.
AND THIS IS ABOUT THE "MIDDLE-AGED COUPLE MURDERS" ...


HAS NOW RETURNED TO SCHUWALD'S SIDE AND IS GOING TO BE HIS HEIR...
THE CHILD OF MARGOT LANGER AND THE WEALTHY HANS SCHUWALD...


I'VE ALREADY TOLD YOU ALL I KNOW.

I SEE...

YOU SEEM VERY FERVENT ABOUT THIS.

ANY CHANCE THAT HIS SON COULD BE INVOLVED IN THE EVENTS AROUND SCHUWALD...?

NADA, 0% LIKELY!

I THINK YOU'RE DELVING MUCH TOO DEEP INTO THIS THAN NECESSARY FOR A COLLEGE PAPER...

ER...

LOOKING... FOR SOMEONE...

I'M ACTU-ALLY...

IT'S NOT A RESEARCH PAPER, IS IT?!

M... MAYBE ...

OH...

DOESN'T EVERYTHING GO THE WAY YOU WANT, WHEN YOU'RE AS BEAUTIFUL AS YOU ARE?

HUH?

CAN I ASK YOU A QUESTION?

WHAT?

DOES A PERSON LIKE YOU HAVE ANY TROUBLES AT ALL?

YOU'VE NEVER HAD ANY PROBLEMS WITH LOVE, NOW HAVE YOU?!

FOR EXAM-PLE...

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?

MY PROB-LEMS HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU, RIGHT?!

I... IT'S OKAY, NEVER MIND!

HEY!!

WILL YOU COME SOMEWHERE WITH ME TONIGHT?

I KNEW IT... GOD JUST ISN'T F...

A DANCE PARTY.

HI DAM DAM HI DAM DAM HI DAM

CAFE CINDY

SEE? THEY'RE ALL LOOKING!

HUH?

I... I'M NOT SO GOOD AT THESE...

THERE THERE, DON'T WORRY. JUST BEING WITH YOU WILL GET LOTS OF PEOPLE TO TALK TO US.

LOTTE!!

AND SOME OF THEM WILL SPILL OVER ONTO ME.

I'M CONSTANTIN, FROM THE OCCULT STUDY GROUP!!

SEE, HERE THEY COME!

HIIII.

HUH ...?

UM... LOTTE !!

I DIDN'T THINK THAT BEING WITH YOU WOULD ATTRACT THOSE KIND OF GUYS.

OH NO, ONE OF THE EXTREME ONES!


WILL YOU BE MY PARTNER TONIGHT?
M... MEEE?
W... WHAT'S GOING ON?
GOOD JOB, LOTTE!!
OKAY, I'LL BE GOING NOW!!
NOOO, WAIT NINA!!
HE'S NOT MY TYPE! NOT AT ALL! STAY WITH ME, NINA!!
AH!
...
DAM DAM DAM DAM
WE HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING.
YEAH...
IT'S BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN COLD TO EVERY GUY WHO'S TALKED TO US!
NO, I'M NOT BEING COLD...

ALL THESE COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE HERE...

BUT... IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE I'VE SEEN SO MUCH FUN...

YELLING AND LAUGHING, HAVING A GOOD TIME...

HUH?

NINA, ARE YOU...

IT'S BEEN **SO** LONG SINCE I'VE DONE THIS...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?!

TALK ABOUT BEING CONTRARY TO APPEAR-ANCE.

N... NOTHING.

HMM?

HEY, LOTTTE!

AND YOU'RE DRUNK NOW!!

JUST A LITTLE. YOU KNOW... HIC!

NO, LET ME GO!!

TAP!!

C'MONNNN!!

OH NO, NOT YOU AGAIN!! GO AWAY!!

PLEASE! DANCE WITH ME. URRRRP!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?! HOW RUDE!!

IT'S NOT LIKE I ASKED YOU CAUSE I WANTED TO!!

PEH!!

MONEY ...?!

THEN I CAN GET MY MONEY!

STOP IT!!

ALL I HAVE TO DO IS DANCE WITH YOU ONCE! URRRP!!

URRRRP!!

KARL ASKED ME TO BE YOUR DANCE PARTNER FOR TONIGHT.

STOP IT!

DON'T SAY THAT!!

S... STOP IT...

SO ALLS YOU HAVE TO DO IS DANCE A LITTLE!! C'MON!!

JUST FOR ONE SONG, THAT'S A...

VLAM

DWAAH!!

...

#!" DAM
#!! DAM
#!? DAM

OW OW OW OW OW !!

LET'S GO!!

TAP

TAP

TAP

TAP

TAP

TAP

TAP

I HELPED HIM LOOK FOR HIS FATHER BECAUSE I LIKED HIM...

I LIKED HIM...

BECAUSE I LIKED HIM... BUT WHEN WE PROVED HE WAS THE MAN'S SON...

FATHER THIS...

FATHER THAT...

HE HAS TO DO SOMETHING WITH HIS FATHER...

HE HAS A PROMISE WITH HIS-FATHER...

IT HURTS ...

SOB

SOB

SOB

IT HURTS ...!

YES, IT HURTS...

I NEVER THOUGHT BEING IGNORED WOULD HURT THIS MUCH!!

MONSTER 8

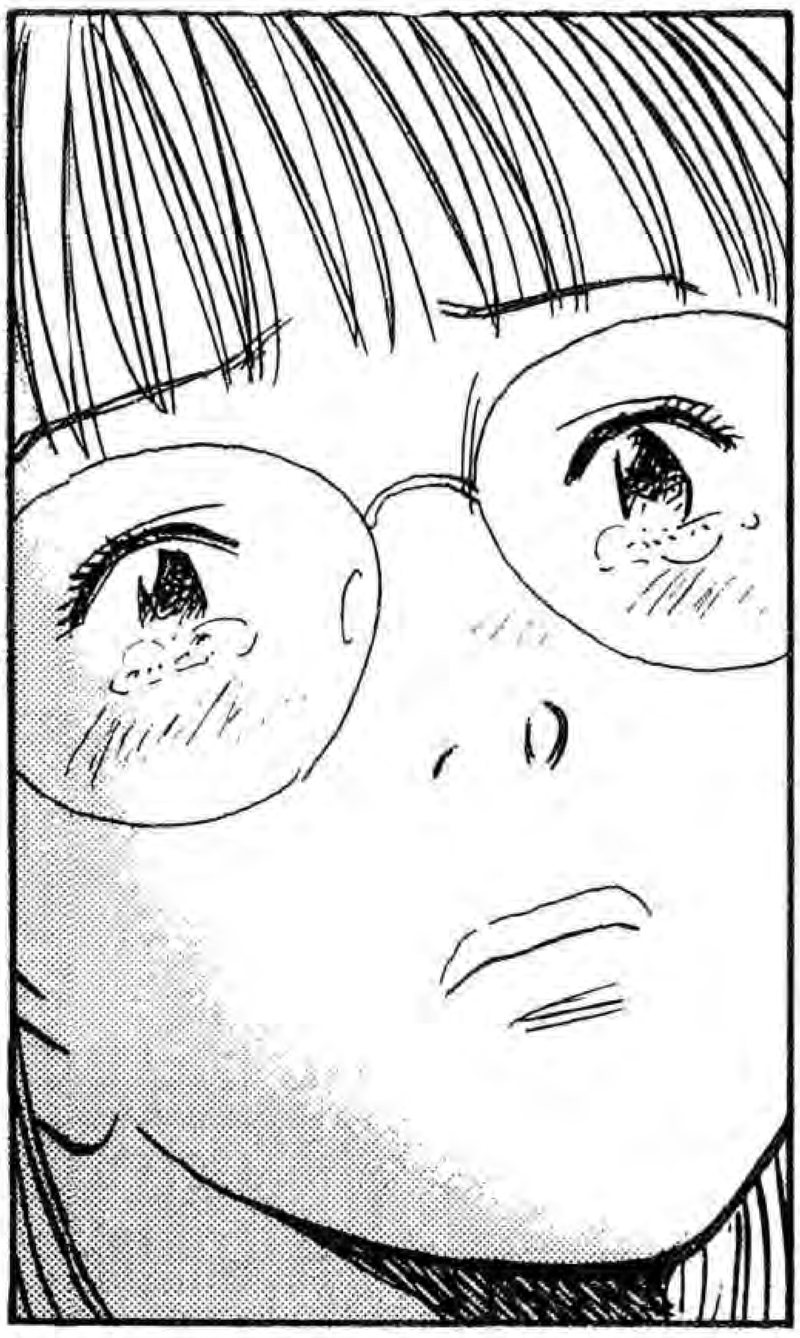












YOU CAN'T LET THEM GO ON.

THE BAD THINGS WON'T GO ON FOREVER...

RIGHT ...?

VROOM

TELL ME YOUR ADDRESS, NINA!!

WELL, I MUST BE GOING...

SORRY, I STILL HAVEN'T DECIDED WHERE TO LIVE...

OH...

TODAY WAS REALLY FUN.

THEN CALL MY PLACE! PROMISE!!

SURE!

... !!

THE PERSON YOU'RE SEARCHING FOR!

I HOPE YOU FIND...

TLU...

VLAM

NINA... SHE...

NO WONDER I THOUGHT SHE LOOKED SO FAMILIAR...

VRRRR

SHE'S A SPITTING IMAGE OF JOHAN...



Chapter 62
Holy Ground

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PAN

ALTHOUGH THAT'S MORE OF THE GUN'S EFFICIENCY THAN YOUR AIM!

...

YOU'RE A PRETTY GOOD SHOT, DOCTOR.

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BUT IT CAN STILL HIT A CIRCLE 5CM WIDE FROM 300 METERS.

IT FAILED THE OFFICIAL GERMAN ARMY TEST FOR SHARPSHOOTING RIFLES...

BUT THE CLOSER YOU GET, THE HIGHER THE CHANCE OF A FATAL SHOT.

I DUNNO WHAT YOU'RE GONNA SHOOT...

EVEN IF YOU SUCK AT IT!

...

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BUT YOU WON'T HAVE TIME TO SHOOT ALL FOUR.

IT CAN HOLD FOUR 338 LAPUA MAGNUM BULLETS.

THAT, AND FINDING A SPOT WHERE THERE WON'T BE ANY OBSTRUCTIONS BETWEEN YOU AND THE TARGET!

ZAT

YOU GOTTA DO IT IN ONE, OR YOU'RE DEAD.

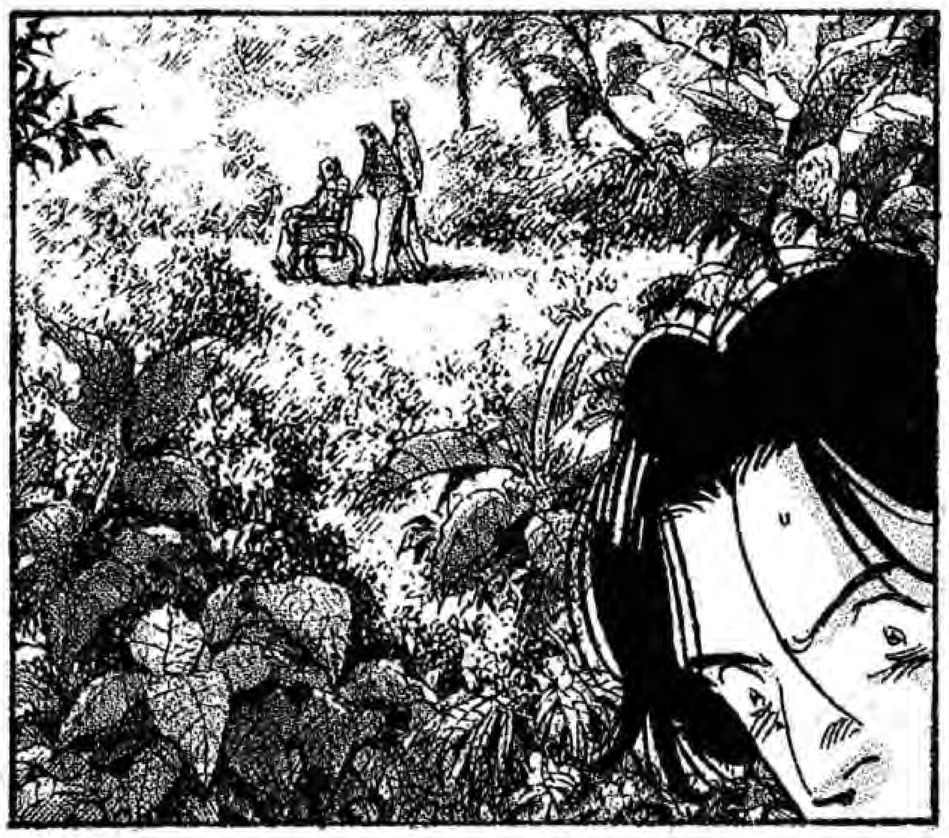
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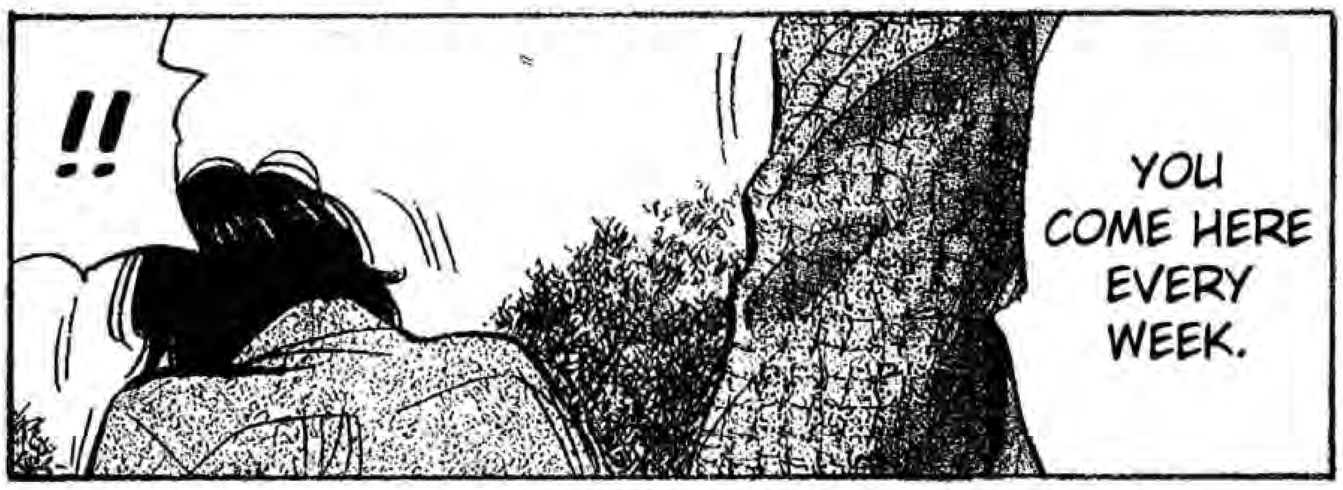
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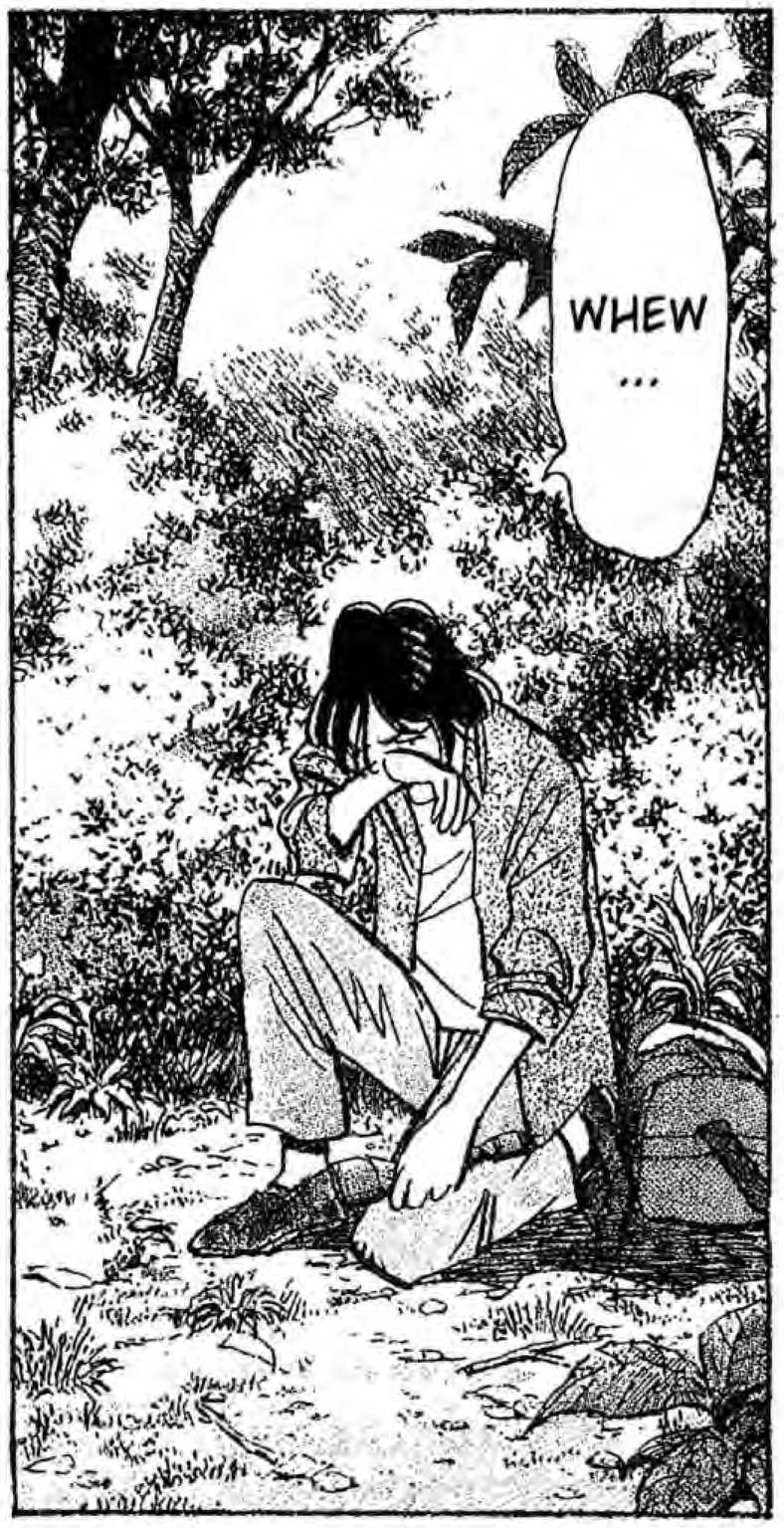
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YOU COME HERE EVERY WEEK.


WHEW ...


IS IT FOR BIRDWATCH-ING?

THERE ARE LOTS OF VISITORS IN THIS FOREST EVERY THURSDAY...

UH... ER...

WHO... ARE YOU...?

UHH... YEAH...

AND YOU...

THAT OLD MAN WITH THE TWO YOUNG ONES...

DO YOU LIKE THIS PLACE?

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CHI CHI

CHUN CHUN

APOLOGIZING TO THE FOREST.

I AM...

I...

BEEN DOING IT FOR 60 YEARS.

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HA HA HA...

BROUAHA BROUAHA

BROUAHA

CLINK

59

CREAK

NEVER SEEN HIM BEFORE.

HA HA HA!

WHEEE!

I HAVE CONFIDENCE IN MY COOKING YET HE DIDN'T EVEN TAKE A BITE...

TAC
TAC

!!

AS USUAL, TODAY WE'RE HAVING A QUIZ SHOW WITH SOME FABULOUS PRIZES!!

...

ZAT

OHH, IT'S WHAT MY FAMILY'S ALWAYS WANTED!!

AND HERE'S THE PRIZE!! IT'S A CAMPING CAR!!

ZAT

LET'S WELCOME OUR FIRST CONTESTANT OF THE DAY, MR. WEINDLER FROM FRANK-FURT!!

HAHH

HAHH

BUT YOU WON'T GET THE CAMPING CAR UNLESS YOU ANSWER THE FOLLOWING 10 QUESTIONS CORRECTLY!!

BWAH!!

HOW WON-DERFUL, MR. WEINDLER!! THIS WILL MAKE FOR SOME GREAT CAMPING!!

AND HERE'S THE FIRST QUES-TION!!

YOU GONNA LEAVE WITHOUT TOUCHING YOUR FOOD AGAIN?

TNK

IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY APPETITE, AT LEAST TRY DRINKING THAT SOUP. IT'S ON THE HOUSE!

YOU CAME ABOUT A WEEK AGO, RIGHT? I REMEMBER FACES, EVEN WHEN IT'S CROWDED.

THANK YOU...

YOUR FACE LOOKS WRETCHED.

OH...

CHI CHI CHI

PICHI CHI PICHI CHI

SLURP

I HAVE TO SHOOT HIM IN THIS FOREST!

THIS IS THE SPOT...

TAC

BLEA

ZAT

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HAHH

HAHH

COUGH
COUGH

BLECH

I'VE BEEN WALKIN' AROUND THIS FOREST FOR SO MANY YEARS, AND TO THINK I LOST MY STEP...

GETTIN' TOO OLD...

YOU SAVED ME THERE...

ARE YOU... A DOCTOR?

I DON'T THINK IT'S BROKEN... I'VE DONE EMERGENCY WORK ON IT, BUT YOU'LL NEED TO GO TO A HOSPITAL AS WELL.

BUT I GUESS I WAS WRONG...

AT FIRST GLANCE I FIGURED YOU WERE A HUNTER OR SOMETHIN'...

THE BIRDS ...

WHAT HAPPENED?

WHAT A SURPRISE!

CHUN CHUN

CHI CHI CHI CHI

PICHICHI PICHICHI

...?

THE BIRDS ARE HERE.

A LONG TIME AGO, THERE WAS A MAN UPON WHOSE SHOULDERS THOSE BIRDS WOULD LAND...

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AS A CHILD, HE ALWAYS SPENT HIS TIME HERE IN THE FOREST, WITH THE BIRDS.

WHEN HE HELD OUT HIS ARM, THE BIRDS CAME TO SIT ON IT.

ONE DAY, HE WAS GIVEN SOME ORDERS.

HE BELIEVED THAT THE NAZI PARTY WAS DOING EVERY-THING TO BRING GERMANY PROSPERITY...

AND HE WAS STATIONED IN THE KRIMINAL POLIZEI.

SOON HITLER'S TIME CAME ABOUT...

HE WAS SELECTED TO PURSUE, BECAUSE OF HIS FAMILIARITY WITH THE FOREST.

A VIOLENT CRIMINAL HAD ESCAPED INTO THIS FOREST...

ZAT

ZAT

ZAT

ZAT

ZAT

ZAT

ZAT

ZAT

HE WAS ORDERED TO FIND THE CRIMINAL, AND KILL HIM!

CHASED AND CHASED...

HE CHASED THE CRIMINAL THROUGH THE FOREST HE KNEW LIKE THE BACK OF HIS HAND.

HE CARRIED OUT HIS ORDERS.

BUT... THE MAN DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO THINK OF WHO THIS FOREIGNER WAS.

WHEN HE FINALLY CAUGHT UP, IT WAS NOT A CRIMINAL, JUST A NORMAL FOREIGNER YOU'D SEE ANYWHERE.

PAN







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FOR 60 YEARS ...


EVER SINCE THEN, THE BIRDS HAVEN'T PERCHED ON HIS SHOULDER...


60 YEARS HE HAS BEEN APOLOGIZING, SINCE THEN...

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BUT THE BIRDS WON'T COME BACK...

I'M SORRY...

I'M SORRY...

DEAR GOD IN HEAVEN...

IT'S... ALL OKAY...

NEVER AGAIN...

WILL BLOOD BE SHED... IN THIS FOREST...

ISN'T THAT RIGHT ...?

CHUN CHUN

CHI CHI

PICHI CHI PICHI CHI

Sich töten durch Abstru

A DANGER-OUS CHILD'S GAME? ANOTHER VICTIM!!

Selbstmord? K

ANOTHER CHILD FALLS TO HIS DEATH... ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE?!

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THE FIFTH VICTIM... REINFORCE THE BARRIERS ON OFF-LIMITS ROOFTOPS!!

YOU DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING...?

RALPH LUDWICH MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, MUNICH

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IF YOU REMEMBER ANY OF IT, PLEASE, TELL ME.

WHAT WERE YOU DOING ON TOP OF THAT BUILDING...?

THERE THERE, MA'AM...

TALK TO THE DOCTOR! YOU CAN'T DO ANY SILLY THINGS LIKE THIS ANYMORE!!

IF YOU HADN'T HIT THE FIRST FLOOR AWNING AND LANDED IN THOSE BUSHES, YOU COULD HAVE BEEN DEAD RIGHT NOW!!

TALK TO HIM, MARTIN!!

I KNOW... I KNOW... BUT... DOCTOR...

IT'S OKAY... I'M HERE TO PROVIDE COUNSELING FOR YOUR CHILD.

BUT... IF HE DIED, I... I...

SNIF... SNIF...

LET'S TALK OUTSIDE A LITTLE...

DIETER, JUST STAY SEATED RIGHT THERE. DON'T GO IN ANY ROOMS!!

CLAP

NO... I'M JUST TAKING CARE OF HIM.

IS HE YOUR GRANDSON?

CLIC

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Child's Sight

Hi...

Hi...

H...

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I'M MARTIN.

I'M... DIETER.

WHEN YOU FELL FROM THE ROOFTOP...

IT WAS SCARY, RIGHT?

WHERE THE BAN-DAGES ARE...

YOU KNOW ...

DOES IT HURT?

WHAT?!

N... NO, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

KLAC

GET MY SHOES!

...

MY SHOES ARE IN THE BAG THERE. GET THEM OUT!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? YOU HAVE TO LIE DOWN!

VIIIIIIIIIM

SO WHAT IF THEY GET MAD?

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?! THEY'RE GONNA BE MAD!!

I'M NOT AFRAID OF THEM GETTING MAD.

HUH?

?

AHHHH! JUST LIKE HE SAID.

"THE WORLD WILL BE CHANGED..."

"WHEN YOU COME BACK TO LIFE, GO OUTSIDE..."

BECAUSE I'VE BEEN CHOSEN...

I'VE CHANGED...

NO, THE WORLD HASN'T CHANGED...

ガ CLANG ガ CLANG ガ

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VRRRRR

IT'S SO BORING ...

LOOK OU...

TOOOOT

HEY!!

THIS WORLD IS SO BORING AND STUPID...

TOOOOT TOOOOT

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...

THERE'S NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF.

TOOOOT TOOOOT

COME ON.

WOBBLE

WOBBLE

WOBBLE

TRIP

HEH!

HEY... WHY'D YOU DO THAT?!

AH...

VLAM

WHUH...

I SAID LOOK.

S... STOP IT!!

LOOK AT THAT! HE'S SCARED!

TAC

OWW ...

SAVE MEEE... RIGHT?

I DON'T WANNA DIE!

THUMP

THUMP

AH...

AH...

HEE HEE HEE!!

FINE, I'LL LET YOU LIVE...

THUMP

AAAHH...

OWW...

AH...

HUH?

I'LL ANSWER YOUR QUESTION.

BUT... BUT LOTS OF PEOPLE HAVE DIED FROM IT!!

IT'S FUN. IT'S A GAME.

A... GAME...?!

OH... YEAH.

YOU WANTED TO KNOW IF I WAS SCARED WHEN I FELL OFF THE BUILDING.

CAUSE IT WAS A GAME...

I WASN'T SCARED.

IT'S A BATTLE! WHETHER YOU FALL OR NOT, THE SURVIVOR IS THE WINNER.

WE GO UP TO THE ROOF OF AN ABANDONED BUILDING, THEN STAND FACING EACH OTHER ON THE EDGE... CLOSE OUR EYES, AND TAKE STEP AFTER STEP.

WHOEVER WINS IS CHOSEN.

IT'S A WAGER OF FATE.

BUT WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT...?

WHOEVER SURVIVES, GETS TO PLAY AGAIN.

...?

MAYBE YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYING...

BECAUSE THE WORLD IS BORING.

WHY... WHY IS IT A GAME...?

ONLY THOSE CHOSEN BY FATE CAN LIVE ON.

THIS IS FUN.

YOU REALLY ARE STUPID IF YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND AFTER SEEING IT.

MAN, I THOUGHT YOU WERE ONE OF US.

HEHE HEHE, YOU DON'T GET IT.

C'MON, I'LL SHOW YOU.

HUH?

THE SUPERIOR SURVIVE...

THE CHOSEN...

H... HEY, WE AREN'T GOING TO THE ROOF, ARE WE...?

SAME WITH HIM.

WHO IS HE?

THE PERSON WHO TAUGHT US THIS GAME.

"HIM" ...?!

N... NO, I'M FINE!

C'MON, LET'S GO!

ONE OF THE SUPERIOR CHILDREN...

ONE OF US...

LET ME GO!!

COME ON!!

STO...

TAC

YOU SHOULD UNDER-STAND, LET'S GO!

YOUR DAD?! YOU STILL WANNA STAY ON HIS SIDE?

...

WHO DID THAT TO YOU...?

EVEN AFTER THAT, YOU STILL WANT TO BE BURIED IN THIS STUPID WORLD?

FIUUUU

COME!! COME AND SEE!

HOW DO YOU FEEL?

SO HOW'S THE VIEW FROM UP HERE?!

STAND UP. WHAT ARE YOU AFRAID OF?!

STAND UP!!

STAND UP, CLOSE YOUR EYES, AND WALK.

I KNOW ...

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I THOUGHT TOMORROW WAS DARK-NESS...

I THOUGHT THE WORLD WAS DARK-NESS...

WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT...

I KNOW EXAC-TLY...

I JUST ATE SOME REALLY YUMMY SAUSAGE A LITTLE WHILE AGO!!

BUT IF I DIE, I CAN NEVER EAT IT AGAIN!!



WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE FOOD?

I LIKE DR. REICHWEIN! HIS SECRETARY, MISS MERETH, IS NICE! IF I DIE, I CAN'T SEE THEM!!

I LIKE SOCCER! BUT IF I DIE, I WON'T BE ABLE TO KICK A BALL ANYMORE!!

PANSY!!

COWARD!!



EVEN WHEN YOU BECOME AN ADULT!!

THE SCARY THINGS NEVER DISAP-PEAR!!



THAT'S WHAT TENMA TOLD ME!!

BUT TOMORROW WILL BE A GOOD DAY!!

THEN I CAN'T... SEE TENMA ANYMORE ...

IF I DIE...

FLAT

WAAAH!!

FIUUU

WHOA!!

I'M SCAAARED!!

AH...

AH...

SNIFF... SNIF...

JUST BRING YOUR KNEES IN... SLOWLY, SLOWLY...

YOU SHOULDN'T PANIC...

CATCH

JOHAN...

I CAN'T BE LIKE JOHAN...

I CAN'T DO IT...

HIC... HIC...

JOHAN SAID HE'S GONNA BE KILLED SOON!!

JOHAN PLAYS EVEN BETTER GAMES!!

HE'S ABOUT TO BE SHOT BY A JAPANESE MAN!!

SO I WAS WALKING ON THE EDGE OF THE ROOFTOP, WITH MY EYES CLOSED AND EVERYTHING!

MUNICH, GERMANY

I WASN'T SCARED AT ALL!

I SWEAR, I WAS WALKING!

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I SAW THE MOMENT WHEN A PERSON DIED!

I SAW IT!

AND WHEN I OPENED MY EYES, JOACHIM SHOULD HAVE BEEN IN FRONT OF ME, BUT HE DISAPPEARED!

TAP TAP

PEOPLE REALLY DIE...

OH, THAT BOY! HE DOESN'T EVEN UNDER-STAND WHAT IT IS HE'S DONE...

HERE'S SOME TEA.

OH, THANK YOU.

BUT I FEEL TERRIBLE FOR POOR JOACHIM'S PARENTS...

CLINK

I'M GLAD HE'S ALIVE,

I'M SURE HE'D LISTEN TO WHAT-EVER YOU TELL HIM...

PLEASE, SHOW HIM A LITTLE SENSE!!

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SHE WON'T LET ME WATCH TV OR READ COMIC BOOKS...

SHE WON'T LET ME OUT OF THE HOUSE,

AND SHE DOESN'T EVEN UNDER-STAND A SINGLE THING!

SLAM

SIGHHH, SHE'S ALWAYS NAGGING AT ME, EVERY DAY.

IF YOU CAN'T READ COMICS, HOW ABOUT A PICTURE BOOK?

REALLY ?

YOU SEEM PRETTY BORED... I'LL BRING SOMETHING IN FOR YOU.

HEY, WHEN IS THAT SUPER GAME YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT GONNA HAPPEN?

THAT'S SO DUMB.

PSH, PICTURE BOOK...

TELL ME, JOHAN!!

IT'S EXCITING. WHEN'S HE GONNA COME? WHEN'S THAT JAPANESE GUY GONNA SHOOT YOU?

THE ONE WHERE YOU SAID YOU WERE GONNA BE SHOT!



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AND HERE!! HOFFMAN'S "PAINTINGS OF THE NIGHT," ALSO FIRST PRESS!! AND THE ENTIRE SET OF GOETHE'S POEMS!!

HERMAN HESSE... "THE WOLF OF THE STEPPES," FIRST PRINTING!!

SCHUWALD MANSION

MY WORD... THIS IS A COLLECTION THAT EVEN I, DIRECTOR OF THE FRIEDRICH EMMANUEL LIBRARY, COULD NEVER HOPE TO SEE IN MY LIFETIME!

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WHY, WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS MY GRATI-TUDE!

THAT THIS MAGNIFICENT COLLECTION SHOULD BE DONATED TO OUR LIBRARY...

THE RESULT OF THINKING, "THE MORE BOOKS, THE BETTER."

I'VE MADE IT HERE IN LIFE BECAUSE I SELF-STUDIED, RATHER THAN ATTENDED UNIVERSITY.

INDEED! MANY OF THESE ARE PRECIOUS, BUT THEY ARE ALSO MEANT TO BE READ.

OH... YES, THAT'S RIGHT...

MY EYES ARE NO LONGER GOOD. I CANNOT READ THEM...

THESE BOOKS WOULD SERVE MORE USE IN THE HANDS OF STUDENTS THAN THIS ROOM.

AND SECU-RITY?

HUH?

WE HAVE A PLACE SET ASIDE TO STORE THEM...

AND THERE IS THE CERE-MONY TO CONSIDER, SO PLEASE KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE LIBRARY...

RIGHT, JOHAN?

TMP

WE MUST HAVE ALL INVITED GUESTS CHECKED THOR-OUGHLY!

SINCE MR. SCHUWALD HAS BEGUN TO APPEAR PUBLICLY, CERTAIN UNSAVORY ELE-MENTS HAVE TRIED TO THREATEN HIM.

CRK

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YES...

I AM THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR, GEHRMANN. A PLEA-SURE!

LIKE-WISE!

I'LL HAVE JOHAN AND KARL GO TO THE LIBRARY. IT WAS THEIR IDEA TO DONATE THE BOOKS.

THIS WILL BE THE ROOM WHERE MR. SCHUWALD'S BOOKS ARE PUT...

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

REGULAR VISITORS ARE NOT PER-MITTED HERE... I ASSUME YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THIS ROOM YET?

AND THIS PLACE IS THE MOST OPTIMUM IN TERMS OF TEMPERATURE AND HUMIDITY, AS WELL AS NEARLY BURGLAR AND FIREPROOF.

FOR HUMAN -ITY...

FOR- TUNE...

SO MANY BOOKS! THIS IS A FORTUNE FOR HUMANITY, ISN'T IT, JOHAN?

AS YOUR BUTLER MENTIONED, WE WILL HAVE UTMOST SECURITY SO THAT MR. SCHUWALD CAN REST EASILY.

THIS CENTER HALL IS WHERE WE'LL HOLD THE CEREMONY.

JOHAN ...?

RIGHT, JOHA...

MY FATHER WILL BE VERY HAPPY TO HEAR THAT.

EXCUSE ME FOR A MOMENT.

WHAT IS IT, JOHAN...?

OH...

TMP

YES...

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SOME-THING?

A FRIEND ?

I WANT A NICE PICTURE BOOK FOR A FRIEND...

HOW ABOUT THIS ONE?

OKAY ...

YES, A FRIEND.

BUT, THIS IS A LITTLE TOO SOPHISTI-CATED...

YES, IT IS...

LOOK, ISN'T THE ART NICE?!

YOUR FRIEND ISN'T AN ADULT...?

OH...

AH...

WELL, THEN HOW ABOUT THIS?

SLIP...

AH, THANK YOU...

OH NO...

KYA!!

DOM

DOM

...

TH... THIS ALWAYS HAPPENS. I'M JUST SO CLUMSY.

OH... HERE, I RECOM-MEND THIS BOOK...

DO YOU LIKE THAT ONE?

?

WHAT BOOK IS THAT? LET ME SEE...

OH, WHAT NICE DRAW-INGS!

TREMBLE TREMBLE

BUT I'VE NEVER HEARD OF ANYONE NAMED SCHERBE...

I WONDER IF HE'S NOT THAT WELL KNOWN...

THE PUB-LISHER IS MORAVIA... OH, THEY'RE IN PRAGUE!

EMIL... SCHERBE...?

THERE ARE A LOT OF GREAT STO-RYBOOK ARTISTS IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC...

TREMBLE TREMBLE

?

WHAT'S WRONG?

TREMBLE TREMBLE

TREMBLE TREMBLE

DO

DO

DO

DO

I DO

I DO

I DO

I DO

OH...

OH...

OH...
OHHH...

KAH
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AH...

OWAAH
...

OH...

OHHHH
...




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ONE!!

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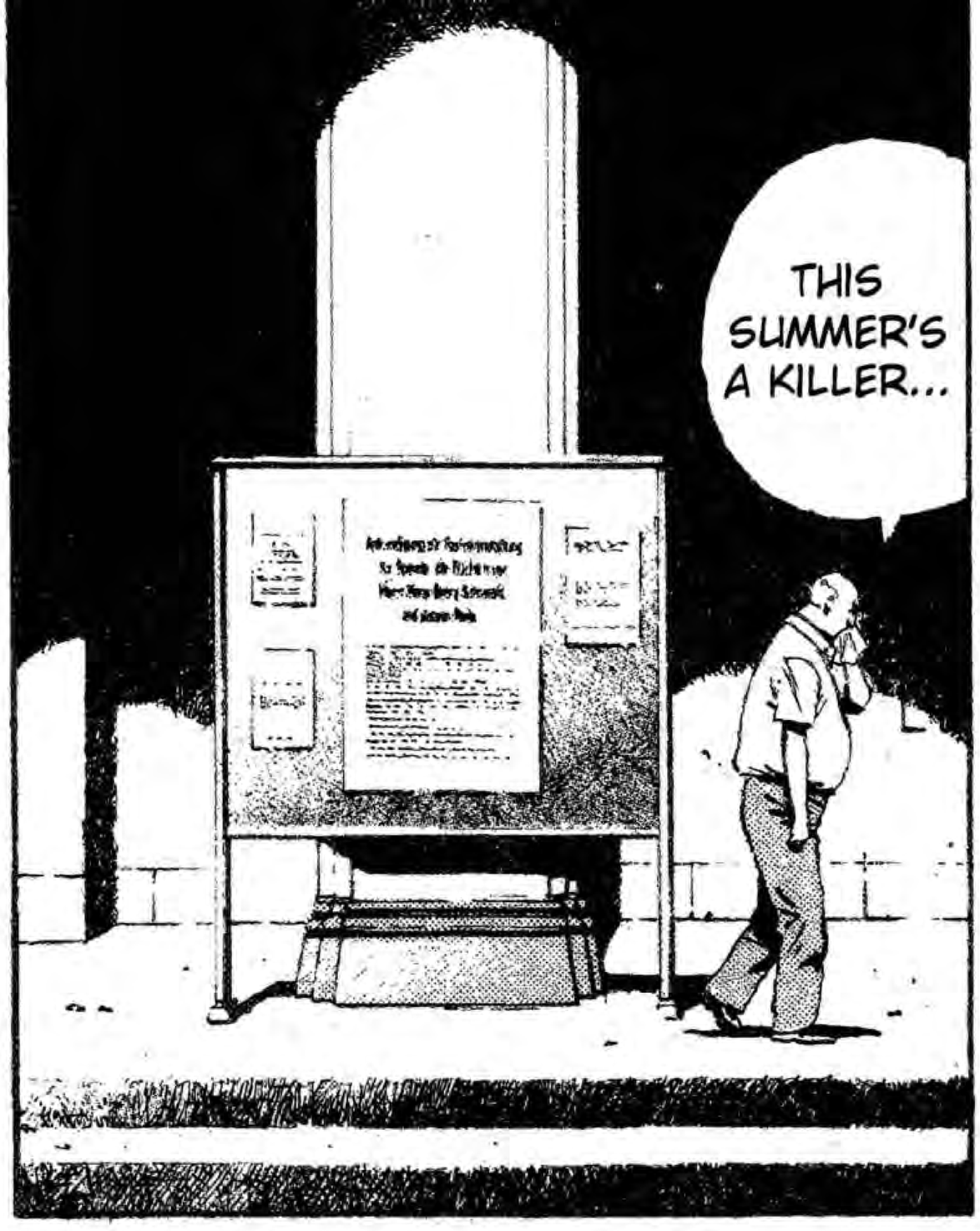
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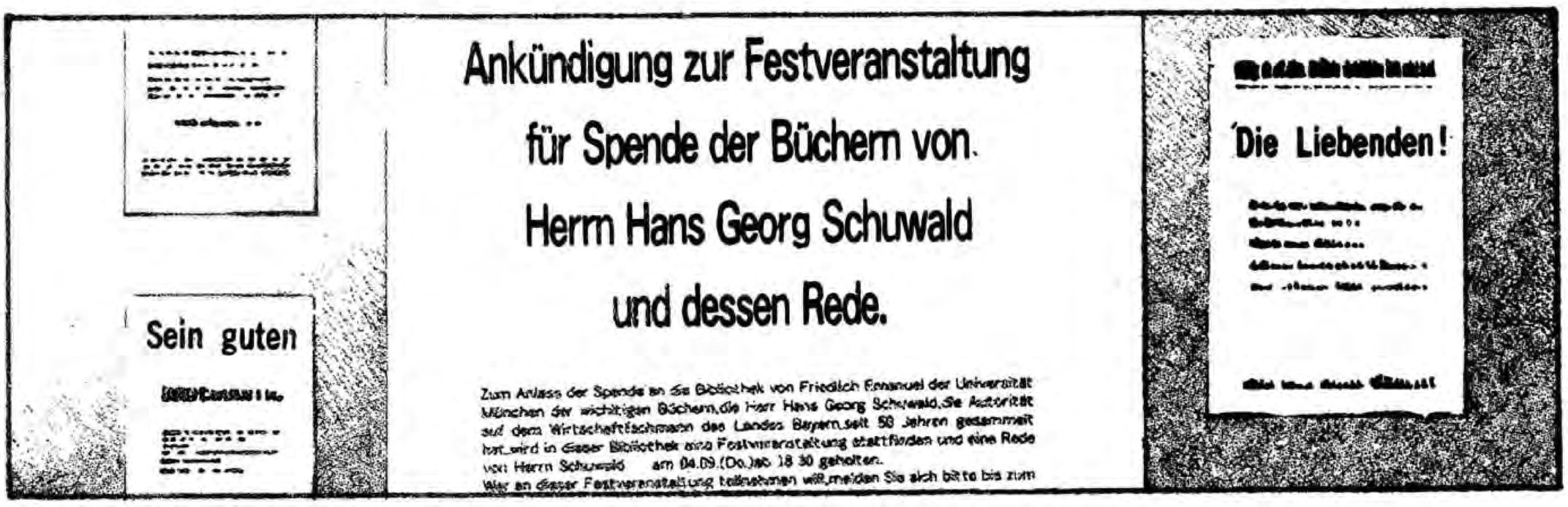
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HERE...

THIS IS WHERE...

I'LL...

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YES, MR. JOHAN LIEBERT LEFT THIS MORNING...

I SEE...

HE LEFT?!

BAYERN STATE BORDENHEIM HOSPITAL, MUNCHEN

YOU COME TO THE LIBRARY A LOT...

OH?!

I'D HEARD HE COLLAPSED ALL OF A SUDDEN, BUT I GUESS IT WASN'T TOO SERIOUS...

TMP

YOU'RE THAT CLERK FROM THE SCHOOL LIBRARY...

AH...

THAT'S WONDERFUL... I JUST DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WOULD HAPPEN...

OH... HE'S OUT OF THE HOSPITAL?!

YES...

HE FAINTED RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU?

SHRIEKING...?

YES, HE STARTED SHRIEKING...

AND THEN, JUST ALL OF A SUDDEN?

HE WAS LOOKING FOR A BOOK... AND I WAS HELPING HIM LOOK FOR IT...

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STORYBOOK...?

WITH THE STORYBOOK IN HIS HANDS... TURNING THE PAGES, JUST LIKE THIS...

SHOULDN'T YOU TAKE JUST A BIT MORE REST? I MEAN...

SCHUWALD MANSION

THE DOCTOR SAID YOU MUST BE OVER-WORKING YOURSELF, ESPECIALLY WITH THAT ANEMIA.

WELL, THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH YOUR BRAIN, OR YOUR BRAIN WAVES... AND YOUR BODY SEEMS PERFECTLY FINE!

OH YEAH, AND I NEVER KNEW YOU HAD SOME BIG SURGICAL SCARS ON YOUR HEAD. IS THAT SO?

OR ELSE YOU MUST HAVE TAKEN SOME MASSIVE SHOCK... AT LEAST, THAT'S WHAT HE SAID.

OH, RIGHT. WHILE YOU WERE IN THE HOSPITAL, YOU GOT A LETTER.

AT ANY RATE, YOU SHOULD TAKE A BREAK FROM YOUR WORK AND STUDIES, AND JUST GET SOME REST...

RIP

DON'T WORRY, I DOUBT IT'S A LETTER BOMB, HAHAHA...

THERE'S NO SENDER OR ADDRESS WRITTEN ON IT, THOUGH.

LETTER ...?

HM?

HA...

HA HA HA...

WHAT? WHAT'S SO FUNNY?

HA HA HA...

WHO'S IT FROM?

THE "RED HINDENBURG".

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STRANGE SEX DREAMS

PUSSY FEET

HOT S

ERUTIC FANTASIES

VRRRRRRR

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TMP

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ARE YOU LOST? OR ARE YOU DRAWIN' A MAP?

WELL, LOOK AT THIS LITTLE BABY-FACE WE GOT HERE.

TMP

DO YOU KNOW WHERE THE "RED HINDEN-BURG" IS?

HUH?

C'MON HONEY, I'LL TEACH YOU EVERYTHING YOU WANT TO KNOW, RIGHT FROM THE START!

DOWN THAT ALLEY.

IT SAYS IT SHOULD BE AROUND HERE... THE "RED HINDENBURG".

YOU'RE MUCH TOO YOUNG TO BE INTO THAT KINDA STUFF.

LISTEN, BABY...

SMACK
...

GIMME
SLIM
SMACK.

PATOOOOT

TMP

HEE
HEE
HEE!!

IS THE "RED HINDEN-BURG" UP HERE?

GSH

GSH

GSH

GSH

CREAK

C'MON IN!

TAP TAP

THANKS FOR COMING.

HAVE A SEAT.

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SUCH A SWEET, PRETTY FACE.

NOW, LOOK AT THAT FACE.

SO NOW YOU'RE THE "RED HINDEN-BURG"?

YOU WERE ONCE MARGOT LANGER ...

NAMES AREN'T IMPORTANT. ISN'T THAT RIGHT, JOHAN LIEBERT?

HAHAHA... AND BEFORE THAT I WAS "BLUE SOPHIE."

YOU WERE WITH SCHUWALD.

I SAW YOU ON THE NEWS.

MY BOY-FRIEND ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THAT DOOR. AIN'T THAT RIGHT, DEAR?

AT ANY RATE, THAT'S WHAT MY BOYFRIEND CALLS ME!

AND A PISTOL, TOO, HEHEHE.

I WOULDN'T START ANY FUNNY BUSINESS IF I WERE YOU... HE'S GOT A GREAT BIG GUN COCKED AND LOADED BEHIND THAT DOOR.

KNOCK KNOCK

OKAY, YOU GOT ME.

GEHOF... AHHHHH.

GYA HAHA HAHA!!

GEHOF GEHOF GEHOF!!

GYAHA... GEHOF!

TO GET BACK AT THAT RICH BASTARD SCHUWALD ...

IT'S A PRETTY METICULOUS PLAN...

LET ME TELL YOU, I NEVER THOUGHT THE REAL ONE WOULD SHOW UP RIGHT AFTER THAT! KAHAHAHA!!

BACK THEN YOU CAME IN HERE WITH THAT FAHREN KID, TALKIN' ABOUT SCHUWALD'S SON!

AND YOU STILL MANAGED TO PULL MOST OF IT OFF... HM?

NO REALLY, I'M IMPRESSED.

I FEEL SORRY FOR THAT FAHREN BOY.

WHEN HE HAD TO COMMIT "SUICIDE" AFTER HIS PURPOSE WAS SERVED...

KIND OF A COINCIDENCE HOW JUST TWO YEARS AGO...

THE REAL MARGOT LANGER DIED AS WELL...

ANYHOW, SPEAKING OF TWO YEARS TO CARRY OUT...

WHEN SHE DIED, IT MEANT I WAS ABOUT TO HIT THE HIGH LIFE.

FWOOP

IT'S NOT LIKE I WAS THAT CLOSE TO HER OR ANYTHING...

SHE WASN'T FROM AROUND HERE! SHE'D GOTTEN OUTTA THIS BUSINESS ALREADY. I ONLY HAD TWO OR THREE DRINKS WITH HER.

THE SON SHE GAVE UP FOR ADOPTION...

HER LITTLE LOVE AFFAIR WITH SCHUWALD ...

I GOT HER A LITTLE DRUNK, GAVE HER A FEW FAKE TEARS, AND SHE TOLD ME EVERY-THING...

SHE HAD NO ONE TO TALK TO ALL THOSE LONG MONTHS AND YEARS, RIGHT?

AND THANKS TO THAT, I JUST TAKE OVER THE NAME OF MARGOT LANGER, AND HELP MYSELF TO ALL OF SCHUWALD'S MONEY I WANT, GAHAHAHA!

BUT THEN, THIS WOMAN GOT KILLED.

LOOKS LIKE EVEN THE POLICE DIDN'T THINK ABOUT THIS LITTLE PLAN COMING TO FRUIT.

SINCE THE POLICE PINNED HER MURDER ON JUST ANOTHER PHANTOM KILLER...

OH... YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT.

KA HA HA HA !!

IF HE HADN'T GOTTEN WRAPPED UP IN THIS, HE WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO COMMIT "SUICIDE" EITHER...

AND THAT DETECTIVE, RICHARD OR WHATEVER HIS NAME WAS, I FEEL SORRY FOR THAT POOR MAN!

HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE YOU KILLED SO FAR?

GEHOF GEHOF !!

HAHA HAHA, BUHAH, BUHOH.

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OKAY, WHY DON'T WE PASS ON THE FUN TALK FOR NOW, AND GET DOWN TO BUSINESS!

KNOCK KNOCK

RIGHT, DEAR?

YOU CAN'T RUN ANY LONGER. GIVE IT UP!

HOW MUCH AM I GONNA GET?

SPEAK UP!

ARE YOU LISTENING?

HUH?

WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE MOST FRIGHT-ENING THING?

DON'T TRY TO CHANGE THE SUBJECT, DEARIE.

I THOUGHT I HAD GOTTEN TO THE DARKEST PLACE IN THE WORLD...

AHEAD OF ME...

BUT THEN...

I SAW AN EVEN DARKER BLACKNESS.

HOLD UP! YOU THINK YOU CAN JUST LEAVE?

SHFF

HUHHH !?

I'M NOT INTER-ESTED IN SCHUWALD ANYMORE.

?

I'M DONE...

THAT WON'T WORK...

NO MORE GAMES, SONNY!

WAIT!!

I'M A NONEXISTENT HUMAN BEING.

NO MORE FUNNY PLAY!!

DEAR!!

CLICK

CLICK

COME ON OUT, DEAR!!

CHK

CREAK

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WHAT ARE YOU... R... ROBERTO!

D... DEAR...

CREAK

GSH

GSH

VLAM

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MAY I HAVE A BALLOON?

YOU CAN USE THIS TO BUY YOUR "SMACK."

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ARE YOU STILL WORKING, DOCTOR?! HIS HEAD'S BLEEDING!!

NO, NO. MY BABY WAS FIRST!!

CARSTENSEN ST., MUNICH

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AM I RIGHT !?

NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU SHOUT, THERE'S ONLY ONE DOCTOR HERE.

QUIT YER DAMN YAPPIN' KID, IT'S JUST A BROKEN ARM!!

BROUAHA

BROUAHA

BROUAHA

OWIE, IT HURRR-RRRTS!!

YEAH, YEAH.

STOP SHOUTING OVER THERE. SIT DOWN AND WAIT YOUR TURN!!

IS THE DOCTOR HERE THAT FAMOUS?

IF THIS DOCTOR WUDN'T HERE, ALL THE ASIANS IN TOWN WOULD BE DYIN', ESPECIALLY US VIETNAMESE!

YEAH, OF COURSE !!

HUH? OH... UH... NOTHING...

WHAT'S THAT LONG THING YA GOT THERE?

HEY, WAIT YOUR TURN! YOU DON'T LOOK SO GREAT, BUT THE INJURED COME FIRST.

NO... I'M NOT...

YOU AIN'T VIETNAMESE, IS YE?

OH, I SEE...

DOMF!F!DOM

I TOLD YOU, MY SON'S FIRST!!

C'MON, HURRY UP, DOCTOR !!

HEY, SIDDOWN AND WAIT!!

NO... I'M NOT HERE AS A PATIENT...

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WHAT THE HELL?! STAY IN LINE!!

PARDON ME!

HUH ?!

HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU?! PLEASE WAIT OUTSIDE!!

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EXCUSE ME... DOCTOR, I WANT TO ASK YOU SOMETHING...

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I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THAT NOW!!

AND...

FE-
MALE...

DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME?! GET OUT!!

IT'S YOUR FAULT IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO THIS PATIENT!!

I'M SUTURING RIGHT NOW, DON'T BOTHER ME!!

HOW OLD IS THIS DOCTOR ...?

WAIT A MINUTE...

KEEP QUIET OVER THERE!!

YOU SHOULD HAVE INSERTED A DRAIN TUBE!

THE STITCHES ARE CLEANLY DONE...

BUT...

STABBED IN THE THIGH... LOOKS LIKE A KNIFE WOUND...

AN ACTUAL HOSPITAL?! OH, PLEASE... THIS IS...

...NOT A HOSPITAL!!

...OTHERWISE, YOU SHOULD TAKE HIM TO AN ACTUAL HOSPITAL!

IF I COULD TAKE THEM TO A REAL HOSPITAL, I WOULD HAVE DONE SO ALREADY.

IT'S OBVIOUS. YOU'RE NOT A REAL DOCTOR!

...

...

IF THEY WENT TO A HOSPITAL, THEY'D BE ARRESTED... AND THEN DEPORTED BACK TO THEIR HOME COUNTRIES!

MOST OF THE PEOPLE HERE ARE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AND RESI-DENTS.

DON'T GIVE ME YOUR ACCUSA-TIONS WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW HALF THE TRUTH YOURSELF!!

HOW MANY OF THESE PEOPLE DO YOU THINK HAVE DIED BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T GO TO A REAL HOSPITAL?!

HUH?

INSERT A DRAIN TUBE!

O... OKAY!

IF YOU DON'T DRAIN IT, THE INNER PART OF THE WOUND WILL FESTER AND TURN INTO AN ABCESS!!

THE CHANCE IS HIGH HE WAS STABBED WITH A DIRTY KNIFE!

... !!

INSERT THE DRAIN TUBE ABOUT 5 CENTIMETERS...

UNDO ONE OR TWO OF THE STITCHES ...

OKAY ...

WHEW.

THERE, WELL DONE!

PHEW!

... !!

WOBBLE

OKAY, WHO'S THE NEXT PATIENT?

TADAN

!!

ARE YOU AWAKE?!

THEY SAID YOU'VE BEEN HERE 48 HOURS STRAIGHT. IS THAT RIGHT?

I ASKED YOUR PATIENTS.

HOW OLD ARE YOU?

SEVEN-TEEN...

I CHECKED OUT THE PATIENTS YOU ALREADY WORKED ON. PRETTY GOOD FOR AN UNLICENSED DOCTOR.

...

MAYBE...

THE DOCTOR WHO USED TO WORK HERE LEFT HIS EQUIPMENT AND DISAP-PEARED...

WOW, THAT'S REALLY YOUNG...

YOU'RE GOOD ENOUGH TO BE A LEGITIMATE MEDICAL PRACTI-TIONER...

... !!

WAS ...?

MY FATHER ...

HE WAS THAT DOCTOR...

HAVING TOOLS DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN USE THEM! WHERE DID YOU LEARN TO OPERATE LIKE THAT?

AND THEN...

WE WANTED TO HELP AS MANY ASIAN IMMIGRANTS AS WE POSSIBLY COULD...

BUT THEN THE WALL FELL...

MY FATHER WAS A VIETNAMESE DOCTOR... HE BROUGHT ME HERE TO EAST GERMANY TO STUDY... AND THEN OPENED THIS CLINIC...

...MY FATHER WAS MURDERED BY A GANG OF LOWLIFES WHO CALLED THEMSELVES NEO-NAZIS.

JUST FOR THE COLOR OF HIS SKIN.

HE WAS SIMPLY MURDERED...

I WAS JUST THEIR POOR LITTLE YELLOW-SKINNED GIRL...

BUT THOSE PEOPLE ONLY TOOK ME IN OUT OF A SENSE OF PUBLIC DUTY.

SO I RAN AWAY.

I WAS SENT TO AN ORPHAN-AGE.

LATER, I WAS ADOPTED BY A GERMAN COUPLE...

I DECIDED TO CONTINUE ON, DOING WHAT MY FATHER HAD DONE!

I READ ALL THE MEDICAL BOOKS HE LEFT BEHIND...

I'D ALWAYS HELPED MY FATHER AT HIS WORK...

OKAAAY!!

THERE YOU GO! DON'T PLAY TOO ROUGH IF YOU WANT IT TO HEAL QUICKLY.

MOVE! I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE REST.

THEY'RE ALL DONE.

ALL RIGHT, NEXT PATIENT...

IN THIS COUNTRY, THEY GIVE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO LEARN A CHANCE!

YOU SHOULD GO BACK HOME AND STUDY!

ARE YOU TELLING ME TO STOP BECAUSE I'M BAD AT IT?!

I JUST...

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN AT ALL!

...

YOU SEEM TO BE A REAL DOCTOR.

NO... I MEANT...

WHO'S GOING TO TAKE CARE OF THEM?!

IF I LEAVE, WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE PEOPLE HERE?!

!?

BATAM

PLEASE!! PLEASE, SAVE MY MOMMY!!

B... BUT...

MOMMY SAID YOU'D HELP HER...!!

YOU WALKED ALL THE WAY HERE, EVEN AFTER YOU WERE SHOT?!

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MOMMYYYYY!!

UGH...

MY... MY PIMP WENTS NUTS... PULLED A GUN ON ME...

MOMMYYYYY!!

W... WHAT HAP-PENED?!

IT'S ONLY THESE KIND OF PEOPLE THAT HAVE TO SUFFER THINGS LIKE THIS...

A PROS-TITUTE...

PLEASE, DOCTOR !!

O... OKAY, DON'T WORRY! LEAVE IT TO ME!!

CLAC

!!

LET'S GET HER UP ON THE OPER-ATING TABLE. LIFT HER LEGS!!

BUT... I JUST CAN'T...

I WANT TO DO SOME-THING FOR THEM...

AND THIS IS JUST TOO MUCH!!

I KNOW THAT I HAVE LIMITS TO WHAT I CAN AND CANNOT DO!!

IF WE TAKE HER TO A HOSPITAL, IT'LL BE TOO LATE!!

THIS TIME WE HAVE TO TAKE HER TO A HOSPITAL!!

I CAN'T !!

...

DON'T GIVE UP UNTIL THE END!!

AS LONG AS YOUR PATIENT BREATHES, YOU NEVER GIVE UP HOPE!!

DON'T GIVE UP HOPE!!

IF THE NERVES IN THE INNER STOMACH ARE DAMAGED, SHE MAY SUFFER IMMEDIATE DROP OF BLOOD PRESSURE AND GO INTO SHOCK.

BUT IF SHE MANAGED TO WALK ALL THE WAY HERE, SHE MUST BE IN PRESHOCK FROM STEADILY DECREASING BLOOD PRESSURE!

IN OTHER WORDS, IF WE PERFORM OPEN STOMACH SURGERY WHILE DOING A TRANSFUSION, THERE IS HOPE!

LOOKING AT THE ENTRY WOUND, I'D SAY THERE'S A HIGH CHANCE THE SPLEEN HAS BEEN HIT!

NOW, LET'S BEGIN!

TAKE THE SCALPEL!

SOUND ASLEEP.

A SPLENDID OPERATION!

WE WERE FORTUNATE THAT THE DAMAGE WAS LIMITED ONLY TO THE SPLEEN.

IT WAS MIRACULOUS THAT THERE WAS NO DAMAGE TO THE DIGESTIVE SYSTEM WHEN WE OPENED UP HER STOMACH.

MOMMY ...

HMMY A

ONLY BECAUSE YOU WERE THERE...

DR. TENMA...

STAY HERE!

I CAME HERE TO ASK YOU SOMETHING.

I...

WAS YOU...

IT SAYS THAT THE FIRST PERSON TO THE SCENE OF HER MURDER...

"BLUE SOPHIE"... ALSO KNOWN AS THE "RED HINDEN-BURG"...

?

THAT'S RIGHT ...

ABOUT THIS ARTICLE ...

I RAN OVER THERE THAT NIGHT WHEN SOMEONE CALLED ME.

MAY I ASK YOU WHAT IT WAS LIKE?

I'VE SEEN ALL KINDS OF THINGS LIKE THAT. BUT THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME I...

?

INSTANT DEATH.

SHE WAS SHOT RIGHT THROUGH THE HEAD.

SHE WAS SIMPLY MURDERED...

WHEN I ENTERED THE ROOM, THE FIRST FEELING I GOT WAS...

THIS WAS NOT A ROBBERY... IT WAS NOT AN ACT OF HATE...

JOHAN ...

IN A WORLD OF DARKNESS, YOU'LL ONLY SINK FURTHER IN...

SHF

I KNOW YOU CAN DO IT.

YOU GOT THAT? STUDY HARD!

AIM FOR THE LIGHT.

AH...

I KNOW YOU'LL BE A FANTASTIC DOCTOR.

WAIT, WHERE ARE YOU GOING, DR. TENMA?!

YOU LOOK...

YOU LOOK LIKE THE KIND OF PERSON WHO IS SINKING INTO A GREATER DARKNESS.

YOU'LL COME BACK, WON'T YOU... DR. TENMA...







...DOMO*, WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR COOPERATION.

MUNICH, GERMANY

LUDWIG HOTEL

DOMO, IT IS WE WHO SHOULD BE THANKING YOU!

*NOTE: LITERALLY, "INDEED".

PLEASE, PLEASE, ONLY IF YOU GO GENTLE ON US!!

WE WOULD SURELY ENJOY A ROUND OF GOLF TOGETHER SOMETIME!!

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DOMO!

DOMO!

AH, DOMO!

DOMO, MAY OUR PARTNERSHIP BE SUCCESSFUL!

TAP TAP TAP

"DOMO" ... HMPH.

"DOMO" ...

A MEANINGLESS BUNCH.

TAP TAP

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I Am Tenma

FORGIVE MY LATENESS, OUR MEETING WENT OVERTIME...

I AM IWAI, FROM THE MUNICH BRANCH OF KADOFUKU COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

AH, HELLO, HELLO.

KADOFUKU AG
TOSHIO IWAI

OH... LET ME GIVE YOU MY CARD.

I AM LUNGE, FROM THE GERMAN BKA.

OH MY GOOD-NESS, WELL! "DOMO" AND A BOW, HAHAHA!

DOMO.

BUT HE'S ON A BUSINESS TRIP TO THE CZECH REPUBLIC. HE IS SCHEDULED TO RETURN TOMORROW.

I REALIZED YOU HAD ASKED TO SEE YAMA-MOTO...

COFFEE FOR ME, AND ANOTHER FOR THIS GENTLEMAN!

HE WAS PREVIOUSLY RETIRED, BUT HAS GOTTEN BACK INTO THE BUSI-NESS, AND ALL THE GERMAN COMPANIES UNDER HIS UMBRELLA ARE QUITE ACTIVE AT THE MOMENT.

ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE FINANCIAL GIANT, MR. SCHUWALD ?

YOU MUST BE BUSY.

WAS THAT FUNNY...?

WE JAPANESE BUSI-NESSMEN ARE ALSO VERY BUSY DEALING WITH MR. SCHUWALD. HAHAHA!

HOWEVER, BOTH HE AND I WERE EQUALLY FAMILIAR WITH MR. KENZO TENMA...

...SO I'M AFRAID YAMA-MOTO WILL NOT BE ABLE TO INDULGE YOUR WISHES TODAY...

TO HEAR THAT YOU ARE STILL SEARCHING FOR HIM...

BUT I WAS QUITE SUR-PRISED.

I SEE...

I WAS QUITE SURPRISED WHEN IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT MR. TENMA WAS WANTED AS A SUSPECT IN THOSE!

AND THEN... THE "MIDDLE-AGED COUPLE MURDERS", WAS IT NOT?

THE "HOSPITAL STAFF POISON-INGS"... THE "HEIDELBURG PHANTOM KILLER"...

INDEED, WE STILL HAVEN'T GOTTEN TO THE BOTTOM OF THINGS.

IS HE STILL ON THE RUN?

YES, THAT'S WHAT WE CALL THE JAPANESE PROGRAMS THAT THRIVE ON THIS SORT OF MATERIAL.

IT WAS EVEN ON THE JAPANESE WIDESHOWS FOR A WHILE, BUT THAT'S ALL GONE AND FORGOTTEN.

WIDE-SHOWS?

THAT HE OF ALL PEOPLE SHOULD BE...

OH YES, COMPLETELY UNEXPECTED!!

WAS IT THAT MUCH OF A SHOCK?

YOU SAY THAT YOU WERE VERY SURPRISED WHEN YOU HEARD DR. TENMA WAS A SUSPECT...

TO TELL YOU TRUTH, I DON'T THINK HE WOULD DO SUCH A THING.

CLINK

!!

SO A MAN WHO DOESN'T PUT ON AIRS IS A GOOD MAN?

WELL, HE WASN'T THE TYPE TO PUT ON AIRS...

A GOOD PERSON ... HMMM...

ALTHOUGH, I ONLY WENT DRINKING WITH HIM TWO OR THREE TIMES, A FEW YEARS AGO.

HE WASN'T A BAD PERSON.

HE WAS A GOOD PERSON?

SO IF HE WASN'T A BAD PERSON...

HA HA HA...

WELL, I SUPPOSE I SHOULD SIMPLY SAY HE IS NOT AN UNCIVIL MAN.

JAPANESE DO NOT NORMALLY WEAR THESE CLOTHES...

JAPANESE USE CHOPSTICKS...

I AM JAPANESE.

I AM JAPA-NESE.

I AM JAPA-NESE.

I AM...

DOMO.

TENMA...

OH... FATHER?

LUNGE SPEAK-ING!

RRRR

.....HELLO.

MY BABY... WAS BORN PERFECTLY HEALTHY...

FINE.

HOW ARE YOU?

ACTU-ALLY, FATHER ...

I CALLED BECAUSE I HEARD YOU WERE HERE IN MUNICH. I'M LIVING HERE NOW.

CONGRAT-ULATIONS ...

HMM...

OF COURSE I WILL.

I KNOW THINGS HAVE BEEN ROUGH, BUT... I WANT YOU TO SEE YOUR GRANDSON'S FACE. WILL YOU MEET HIM?

YES... AS LONG AS IT'S AFTER 6 O'CLOCK...

IS TOMOR-ROW OKAY, THEN?

DOMO.

OKAY... MARIAN PLATZ... GOT IT...

WHERE SHALL WE MEET ...?

?

CLICK

OOOH, YOU USE CHOPSTICKS VERY WELL.

TACHIBANA

AS A COL-LEAGUE OF TENMA'S, WHAT DID YOU THINK OF HIM?

...SO, DR. TAKA-HASHI...

HMMM ...

WHAT DID I THINK ...?

THERE ARE MORE FOREIGN-ERS WHO CAN USE CHOP-STICKS BETTER THAN JAPANESE NOW THAN EVER BEFORE.

REALLY?

BUT?

BUT...

THOUGH I SUPPOSE HE WAS INDECISIVE AT TIMES...

HE WASN'T TOO UNSO-CIABLE...

WHEN HE HELD A SCALPEL HE WAS LIKE A DIFFERENT PERSON.

THEY CALLED HIM A GENIUS SURGEON, AND BELIEVE ME, THAT'S NO EXAGGERATION.

ALTHOUGH HE DID SAY HIS FATHER AND BROTHER WERE DOCTORS...

HMM, HE NEVER REALLY LIKED TALKING ABOUT THEM MUCH.

I WAS THE SAME WAY, THOUGH...

I GUESS HE DIDN'T HAVE A CHOICE OF CAREERS.

AND HIS PARENTS?

THEY DIDN'T SEEM TO BE INTERESTED IN PROVING THEIR SON'S INNOCENCE...

AND DURING THE CONTROVERSY OVER HIS CRIMINAL CHARGES, HIS PARENTS NEVER BOTHERED TO COME TO GERMANY...

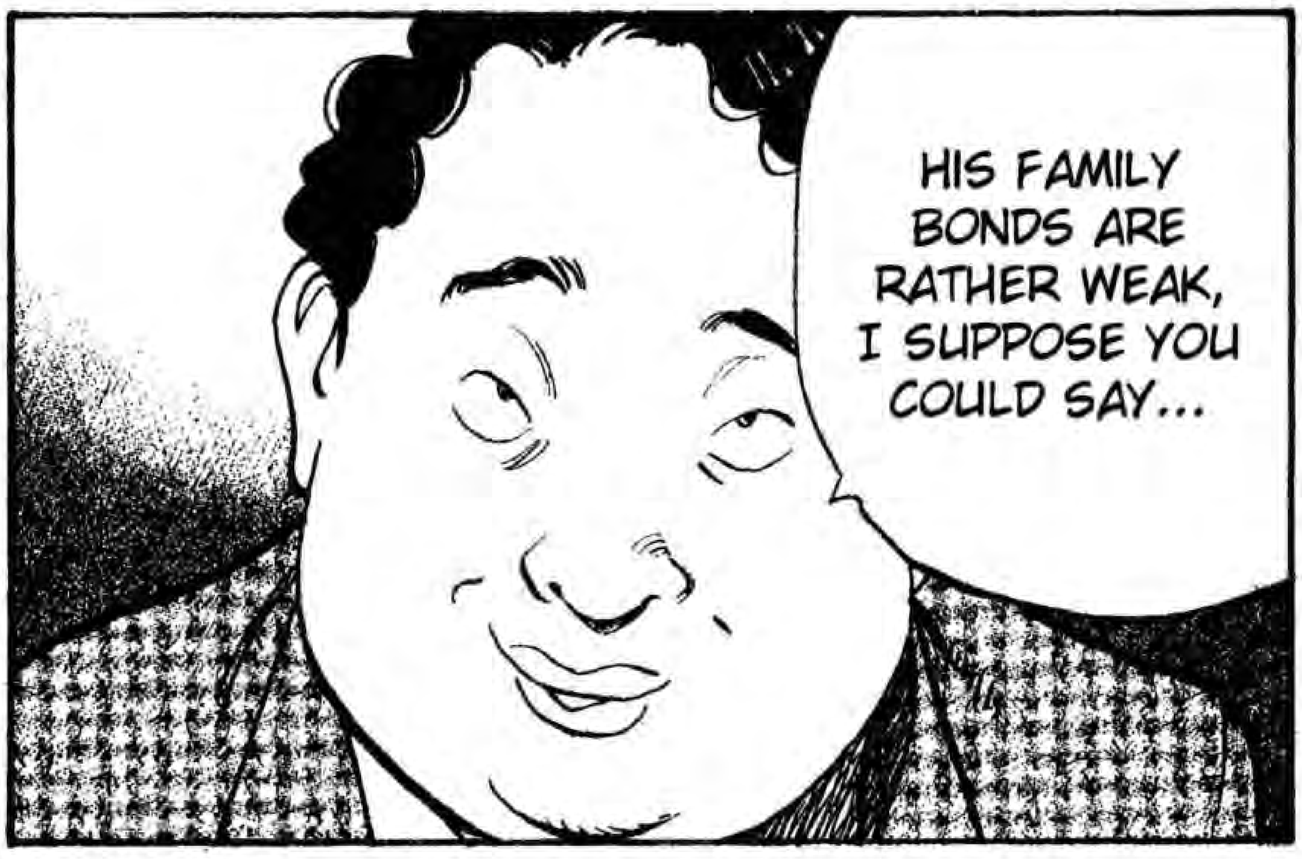
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OH RIGHT, YOU KNOW, I DON'T THINK HE'S GONE BACK TO JAPAN SINCE BECOMING A DOCTOR HERE IN GERMANY.

YAKITORI

ODEN





角福商事株式会社
KADOFUKU AG

I'M VERY SORRY.

WE'VE FINALLY GOTTEN SOME WORD FROM YAMAMOTO AFTER ALL THIS TIME.

HE'S ARRIVED IN MUNICH FROM PRAGUE, BUT...

BUT HE SAID HE WOULD STOP BY THE PLACE WE'RE ABOUT TO GO, SO...

PLACE ...?

IT APPEARS HE MUST GO SEE A CUSTOMER BEFORE EVERY-THING ELSE...

HE MUST BE VERY BUSY.

THIS IS FATE, SIR!

MAYBE YOU CAN FIND OUT WHAT IT IS YOU WANTED TO KNOW!

YES! WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME TOO, INSPECTOR LUNGE?

?

...

"TENMA'S FAMILY BONDS ARE RATHER WEAK, I SUPPOSE YOU COULD SAY."

NO, THIS IS ALL FOR TODAY...

HUH?

I AM TENMA.

YES PLEASE, ALLOW ME TO JOIN YOU.

CAFÉ

BUT THROUGH IT ALL, WHEN THERE WAS DOUBT ♫

YES, THERE WERE TIMES, I'M SURE YOU KNEW, WHEN I BIT OFF MORE THAN I COULD CHEW ♫

カラオケバー

AND DID IT MY WAY ♪♪

I FACED IT ALL AND I STOOD TALL ♫

I ATE IT UP AND SPIT IT OUT ♫

YAAAAAY!!

CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP

NOTE: I HOPE YOU RECOGNIZED FRANK SINATRA, "MY WAY"

YEAH !!

HOW ABOUT YOU, INSPECTOR LUNGE? WILL YOU SING ONE?!

YAAAY!!

OOH OOH, I'M NEXT, ME!!

I AM TENMA...

I DO NOT SEEK SALVATION HERE...

I DON'T FIT IN WITH OTHER JAPANESE BUSINESS-MEN...

I AM TENMA...

I AM...

I HAVE NO PLACE TO RETURN TO...

ALONE...

AH, DOMO, DOMO, SORRY FOR BEING LATE!!

OH!!

THIS IS INSPECTOR LUNGE, WHO I TOLD YOU ABOUT OVER THE PHONE!

WE'VE BEEN WAITING, YAMA-MOTO!!

DOMO !!

AH, HELLO, I AM YAMAMOTO OF THE KADOFUKU MUNICH OFFICE.

OOOOH, HE'S A TOUGH ONE.

HOW WAS THE MEETING WITH MR. KOHOUT IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC?

GETTING ON THE GOOD SIDE WITH SCHUWALD'S SECRE-TARY IS THE BEST WAY TO CREATE A GOOD CONTRACT WITH SCHUWALD HIMSELF!!

YOU KNOW, THE THING SCHUWALD'S SECRETARY... THAT YOUNG MAN REQUESTED...!!

OH, THAT "IT"!!

IT?

OH, BUT LISTEN, I FOUND "IT"!!

THE DUST JACKET'S GONE, AND IT'S FALLING APART...

IT'LL LOOK FINE IF YOU WRAP IT UP NICELY.

AHA, SO THIS IS THAT STORYBOOK!!

I HAD TO SEARCH ALL THE USED BOOK SHOPS IN PRAGUE, BUT I FINALLY FOUND A COPY!!

MAY I SEE IT?

OH, CERTAINLY.

EXCUSE ME, CAN I GET A BEER HERE?!

TAP TAP TAP

HEY HEY, NEXT SONG'S MINE!!

YEAH!!

IT'S IN CZECH...

TAP TAP TAP

TAP TAP TAP

?

INSPECTOR, WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING UP WITH THOSE DICTIONARIES?

MUNICH POLICE

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NO... NOT AT ALL.

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT. YOU, STUDYING SOMETHING UNRELATED TO A CASE...

IS IT TIED TO YOUR INVESTIGATION SOMEHOW?

CZECH.

CZECH?

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HMMMMM

FLAP

I WANTED TO KNOW THE MEANING OF THE SEN-TENCES.

A PASSAGE FROM A STORYBOOK. I LIKED THE ART.

WELL, DON'T THAT BEAT ALL.

THE INSPEC-TOR AND A STORY-BOOK...

"THE MONSTER INSIDE ME"

Podívejte se na mě!
Podívejte se na mě!
To monstrum ve mně
pořád roste a roste!

"LOOK AT ME! LOOK AT ME!"

"HAS ALREADY GROWN THIS LARGE."

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My Nameless Hero

I SEE... SO JOHAN FINALLY GOT AROUND TO MANIPULATING THAT OLD MONEY-BAGS!

I KNOW I BEEN TELLIN' YOU ABOUT JOHAN FOR A WHILE, DR. GILLEN, BUT...

THE GUY'S LIKE A MONSTER...

MAN, JOHAN'S LIKE, MY HERO...

A MON-STER, HUH...

BUT HE'S ABOVE AND BEYOND WHAT I COULD EVER BE!

I MEAN, I KILLED MY OWN FAIR SHARE OF PEOPLE...

WHAT WOULD YOU DO NEXT?

IF YOU WERE JOHAN,

MAN, THAT'S OBVIOUS!

NEXT ...?

WHAT IS IT?

I SEE. NOW, THERE'S ONE MORE THING I WANT TO ASK YOU...

I'D KILL MY CURRENT PARENTS... THE LIEBERTS.

...

KNOCK KNOCK

MR. LIEBERT!

LIEBERT HOUSEHOLD, HESSE

KNOCK KNOCK

...

WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT...?

!!DOM

DOM

MR. LIEBERT!!

CAUSE I'M TIRED OF THEM.

WHY...?

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My Nameless Hero

CLAC

MR. L...

DOM DOM DOM

MR. LIEBERT !!

MR. LIEBERT !!

YES... MAY I HELP YOU?

PSYCHOLO-GIST...?

AND WHAT DO NEED OF US, DR. REICHWEIN?

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? HE'S OUR FLESH-AND-BL...

JOHAN... ADOPTED...?

I NEED TO DISCUSS ABOUT YOUR ADOPTED SON JOHAN WITH YOU.

I DON'T WANT TO TAKE UP YOUR TIME WITH A LOT OF PREFACE.

YOU CAN'T FOOL ME!! YOUR REAL CHILD'S GRAVE IS IN BRUNTAL!!

YOU USED THE BURNING OF THE TOWN HALL AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO CHANGE THE RECORDS AND PRETEND YOUR SON WAS STILL ALIVE...

DON'T WORRY, I'M NOT HERE TO THREATEN YOU!

WHAT DO YOU WANT...?

I WANT YOU TO READ THIS!

FLAP

I'VE COME FOR YOUR SAKE.

ABOUT JOHAN ...?

YES... SOMEONE COLLECTED ALL THE INFORMATION FOR ME.

HUH?!

IT'S A DETAILED REPORT ABOUT JOHAN.

HE CAME TO OUR DOOR AS AN INSUR-ANCE SALES-MAN...

WE KNOW HIM...

OH...

FLAP

DETEC-TIVE ...?

HE IS RICHARD BROWN, A FORMER DETECTIVE.

DEAD.

AND HE IS...

NOW, PLEASE READ...

IT BEGINS IN 1986, WHEN AN EAST GERMAN POLITIAN FLED TO WEST GERMANY.

...

IS HE LOOKING FOR MONEY?

HE'S NOT INTER-ESTED IN MONEY.

MONEY ...

YOU GOT A LINE OF ANTS WALKIN' ALONG...

DOING WHAT?

YOU REMEMBER DOIN' THAT AS A KID?

HE HE HE...

THEN WHY IS HE WITH THIS WEALTHY MAN?

...

AND BREAK IT UP.

TAKE THAT LITTLE ROW OF ANTS...

FWAP

I UNDER-STAND YOU DON'T WANT TO BELIEVE IT.

IT'S RIDICU-LOUS...

IM-POS-SIBLE ...

I CAN'T POSSIBLY BELIEVE SUCH A FRIGHTENING STORY...

AND HE EVEN HAD MONEY.

AND THEN, UNBLESSED WITH MORE CHILDREN, ANOTHER YOUNG BOY THE SAME AGE AS YOUR SON APPEARED.

YOU LOST YOUR CHILD AT A YOUNG AGE...

HE GAVE YOU A BEAUTIFUL GARDEN.

AND...

HE GAVE YOU A WONDERFUL HOUSE.

BUT EVERYTHING WRITTEN HERE IS TRUE!

I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU WANT TO BELIEVE HIM!

HE GAVE YOU LOVE.

WHAT IS JOHAN?

JUST WHO IN THE WORLD IS HE?

A GOOD BOY.

JOHAN IS...

JOHAN IS A GENTLE CHILD.

HE IS OUR REASON FOR LIVING.

AND INDE-PENDENT.

HE'S SMART ...

IS THAT ALL...?

AND THAT'S ALL YOU HAVE TO SAY ABOUT HIM?!

YOU LIVED WITH HIM FOR NEARLY FIVE YEARS...

YOU KNOW NOTHING ABOUT JOHAN.

AND EVEN NOW, A MAN NAMED DR. TENMA...

MY FRIEND RICHARD DIED BECAUSE OF HIM!

YOU MUST HELP ME HERE!

NO... MORE IMPOR-TANTLY...

PLEASE HELP ME!

HE IS GOING TO DO SOMETHING THAT CAN NEVER BE TAKEN BACK.

...BE KILLED.

AS FOSTER PARENTS OF JOHAN, YOU WILL SOON...

LIKE THE MIDDLE-AGED COUPLES WRITTEN ABOUT HERE...

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COME WITH ME!!

LEAVE THIS PLACE!

CREK

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TMP...

ZAT

I LOOK FORWARD TO THAT.

AHHH... NEXT YEAR, WE'LL GET SOME BIGGER ONES.

THERE ARE LITTLE APPLES RIPENING ON OUR APPLE TREE.

YES... SO DO I.

YES... WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THOSE WORDS?

JOHAN TOLD SOME KIDS THAT?

HE'S GONNA BE KILLED BY A JAPANESE SOON...?

THEN WHAT DOES HE MEAN?

LET ME TELL YOU, JOHAN HAS NO INTENTION AT ALL OF COMMITTING SUICIDE.

HA HA HA...

EVEN IF A NUCLEAR WAR BURNED EVERYTHING TO THE GROUND, HE'D SURVIVE.

ALL I CAN TELL YOU IS THIS.

IT'S DIFFICULT TO COMPRE-HEND THE THOUGHTS OF A HERO...

I DUNNO ...

KA
HA
HA
HA
HA...

POM

POM

REICHWEIN
HOUSEHOLD

EVEN IF A NUCLEAR WAR BURNED EVERYTHING TO THE GROUND, HE'D SURVIVE.

ALL I CAN TELL YOU IS THIS...

POM

SO WHAT IT MEANS, IS THAT WE CAN DO NOTHING...

I WASN'T EVEN ABLE TO SAVE RICHARD...

EVERYTHING WE'VE TRIED SO FAR HAS BEEN FRUITLESS.

PROFESSOR REICHWEIN, PLEASE SETTLE DOWN AND THINK!!

I CAN'T EVEN STOP HIM FROM TRYING TO KILL JOHAN!! EVERYTHING HAS FAILED!!

PRO-FESSOR REICH-WEIN...

HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO FIND DR. TENMA...

POM

...

...I'M SORRY.

LIKE DISRUPTING A LINE OF ANTS...

EVEN ANTS...

HAVE SOULS.

MY ONLY CHOICE IS TO RISK MY LIFE FIGHTING AT CLOSE QUARTERS!!

WHERE ARE YOU GOING, PROFES-SOR?

TAC

HUH?

AND TELL HIM EVERYTHING MYSELF!!

I'LL GO STRAIGHT TO MEET SCHUWALD,

YEAH, YEAH, THEY JUST KEEP ADDING MORE GUESTS!!

WHAT? ADD 50 MORE CHAIRS?

YEAH, WE GOTTA MAKE SURE ALL THE BIGWIGS CAN GET THEIR SEATS.

TALKIN' ABOUT SCHUWALD'S DONATION CEREMONY TOMORROW?

COLLEGE LIBRARY

TMP

TMP

TMP

ANYTHING SCHLIWALD DOES THESE DAYS IS BIG NEWS!

KCHK

KCHK

KCHK

The library will be closing shortly. The library will be...

KCHK

SORRY. COULD YOU GRAB THAT FOR ME?

!!

EXCUSE ME...

I CAN'T REACH IT...

THAT CZECH DICTIONARY THERE...

HUH?

NO PRO-BLEM ...

AH... THANK YOU SO MUCH.

I BORROWED A CZECH STORYBOOK, AND I CAN'T EVEN READ IT...

OH... SURE.

THIS ONE?

I THOUGHT MAYBE THE CONTENTS OF THE BOOK HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT...

HMM ...

A FRIEND OF MINE WAS READING THIS BOOK, AND HE JUST FAINTED, OUT OF THE BLUE.

OH... I SEE...

SURE ...

IS HE OR SHE BETTER NOW...?

YOUR FRIEND ...

THANK YOU.

YES, PER-FECTLY.

MMM-HMMM ...

"ONCE UPON A TIME"...

LET'S SEE...

TMP

TMP

UGH!!

"THERE LIVED A NAMELESS MONSTER."

CRMP

KRSH

KCHK

"HE WAS DYING TO HAVE A NAME."

HAHH

HAHH

CLOSING TIME!!

WHAT A WEIRD BOOK...

WE'RE CLOSED TOMORROW FOR THE CEREMONY.

OH... OKAY.

"SO THE MONSTER SET OUT ON A JOURNEY."

VLAM

VOLUME 8 END.